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ตอนที่ 1

WE SHOULD BREAK UP
...AT THAT MOMENT, MY MIND WENT BLANK
BECAUSE SUDDENLY MY BOYFRIEND
TALKED TO ME ABOUT
I THOUGHT YOU COULD BEHAVE MORE LADY-LIKE THAN THIS. I AM STILL A MAN AND I JUST WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO DO A LITTLE HOUSEWORK LIKE OTHER WOMEN DO
BREAK-ING UP.
SINCE I'M COOKING ALONE
WA... WAIT,
I AM NOT GOOD AT ANY HOUSE-WORK,
AND TO MAKE ME DO
THOSE THINGS
SORRY REIO, YOU ARE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT I HOPED FOR
BUT, IF YOU CAN CHANGE YOURSELF, I WILL RECO-NSIDER AGAIN LATER
RECONSIDER LATER?
WHY IS HE SO CRUEL LIKE THIS?

BUT
I HAVE A PERSONALITY OF BEING ATTACHED TO ONLY ONE PROMISE ANYWAY.
REALLY?
DON'T EVER FORGET THAT PROMISE.
AFTER I LISTENED TO THAT PROMISE, OTHER PROMISES HAD NO INTEREST FOR ME.
I DECIDED TO COME HERE, TO BE ABLE TO GET BACK WITH HIM.
I THINK THAT IT'S ON THE SCHOOL MAP.
CUZ I LIKE HIM SO MUCH
I WILL NEVER LET IT END LIKE THIS!

HOUSEWORK CLUB
YOU'RE THINKING WHAT I AM, AREN'T YOU?
...AH?
AH!!
?!!
JUST A MOMENT AGO, YOU WANTED TO ENTER?

DON'T TAKE ME WRONG!!! I THINK YOU'D BETTER NOT! THERE'S NOTHING GOOD IN HERE!!
WHY IS IT SO DARK?
NO SIGN
YO, WHENEVER WE DO HOTPOT OF DARKNESS, LIGHT IS FORBIDDEN.
IN A DARK ROOM LIKE THIS, HOW CAN WE DO HOTPOT!
I JUST ASKED YOU TO CHOP A BIT OF SPRING ONION ONLY...?
WHAT YOU ARE CHOPPING
HEY ALL OF YOU, HOTPOT IS NOT THAT IMPORTANT BUT WHY DOES THE PERSON WHO ALWAYS PREPARES EVERYTHING HAVE TO BE ME???
CAN YOU NOT DO IT BY YOURSELF, HANA!
EH...I CAN'T HOLD ANYTHING HEAVIER THAN NEEDLES, NO WAY.
YOU ARE JUST YO, STOP WHINING
I AM NOT YOUR SERVANT
WHAT?
THIS PLACE?
OK, OK, YO-KUN IS SUCH A WHINER!
THAT LADY! YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO ENTER THE CLUB

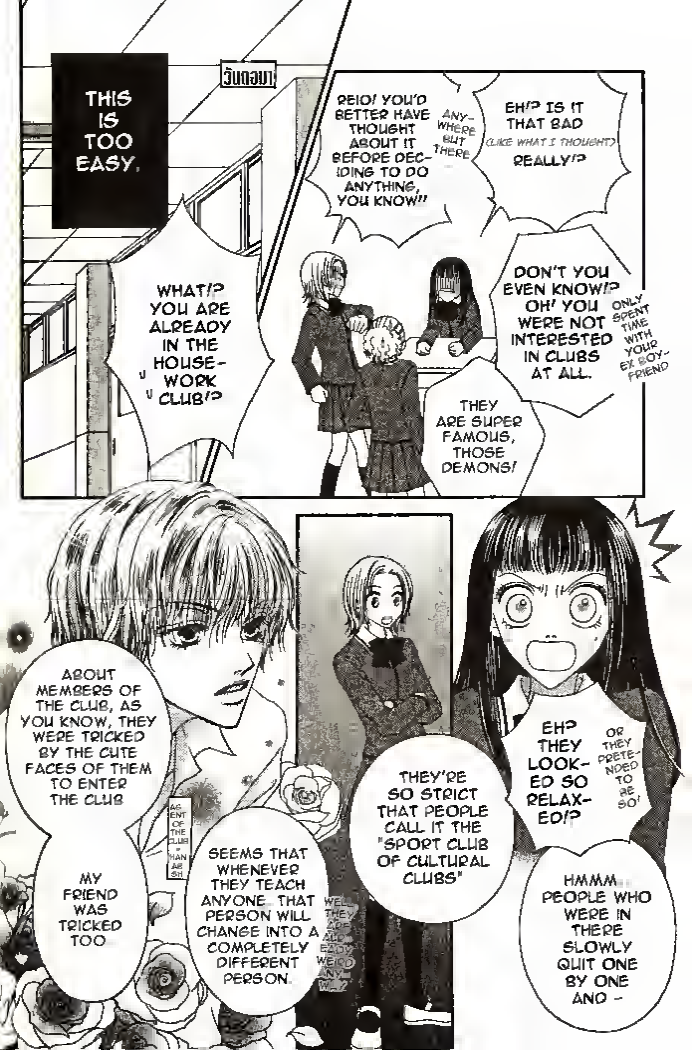
I AM SO GLAD
BECAUSE IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME AND NO ONE HAS BEEN HERE
E..ERR... THIS IS NOT THE HOUSE-WORK CLUB, IS IT?
AH? THIS GUY IS THE SCHOOL PRESI-DENT
YES, YES IT IS, WE'RE DOING THE HOTPOT
ONLY IT IS THE HOTPOT OF DARKNESS
YOU'RE SUCH A LUCKY GIRL REALLY! IF YOU ENTER THIS CLUB, WE WILL HAVE HOTPOT OF DARKNESS EVERY WEDNESDAY
WAH! WHO PUT MOM IJUAN-JULI IN HERE?
IT IS POTLAB THESE DAYS, YOU KNOW?
BUMMER, I THINK I CAME TO THE WRONG PLACE
IF I KNEW I WOULD HAVE HAD MY MOM TEACH ME FIRST
E..ERR, I SUSPECT I AM GOING TO
SORRY FOR BEING A BIT LATE!!
YOU ARE LATE, WATARU
EMM... SANKUROU, WHO I LOOK AFTER IN THE CLASS-ROOM, RAN AWAY ...SO
DIRTY!
AND WHY EXACTLY ARE YOU IN MY BAND'S CLOTHES, STANDING AROUND THE HOTPOT!
WELL, CUZ YOUR BAND'S DRESS MAKES US WARM WHEN WE WEAR THEM
IF WE HAVE TO TAKE THEM OFF, IT WOULD BE SO BLOODY COLD, SO HERE WE ARE
WEARING OTHER PEOPLE'S CLOTHES WITHOUT PERMISSION AND THEY STILL DARE TO TALK LIKE THAT

ERRR... ACTUALLY, WATARU, THAT GIRL IS OUR NEW MEMBER
EH?
REALLY!? IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME AND NO ONE HAS BEEN HERE, PLUS SHE IS VERY CUTE
YEAH!!
EH NO, WELL I SAID I WILL NOT...
EMM...
IF THERE ARE STILL ONLY A FEW MEMBERS LIKE THIS, THE CLUB MAY BE BANNED!
VERY DANG-EROUS REALLY
WE ALSO DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ABLE TO DO EVERY-THING...
-COLD
...BECAUSE OF ALL THESE REASONS...
WE WILL NOT LET YOU RUN AWAY... EVER ♡

HEH... THEREFORE
TO GET THAT GUY BACK, YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO HOUSEWORK?
HASN'T SAID ANYTHING YET
EMMM... EXCELLENT! I HAVE SO MUCH ENERGY NOW! IT IS REVENGE, RIGHT!!
NO, NOT REVENGE BUT "GET BACK TOGETHER" THAT IS
OK, SO THAT SHOULD BE IT, HOUSEWORK LESSONS HAVE TO BE TAUGHT QUICKLY
EMMM THAT'S TRUE
BEFORE HER BOYFRIEND CHANGES HIS MIND
SO IT HAS TO BE 3 MONTHS? NO, NO, ONE MONTH THAT IS...
IT'D BE LIKE AN INTENSIVE COURSE
EH... FOR REAL...
YO, BE QUIET
OH... I HAVE NOT DONE THIS FOR LONG, I AM FULL OF ENERGY!
EXHALES
AS LONG AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE ALWAYS LIKE THIS ANYWAY!!
ANOTHER VICTIM AGAIN...
I AM SO WORRIED...
VICTIM ?!
ERRR I HAVEN'T SAID THAT I WILL ENTER THE CLUB FOR SURE YET...
MOREOVER CAN YOU REALLY TEACH ME... HERE?

HA HA HA DON'T WORRY YOUNG LADY!!
WE ARE ALL PROFESSIONAL
AHH... YOU HAVEN'T INTRODUCED YOURSELF YET
OK, YOU ARE?
KIMOTO REIO, 1ST YEAR
OK, REIOCHAN, HERE...
START WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, HANABISHI NOZOMU, 2ND YEAR,
RESPONSIBLE FOR CLOTHING. HE USED TO ENTER SO MANY DESIGNING COMPETITIONS AND GOT PRIZES MANY TIMES
HELLO
WHEN HE IS ALL, HE IS ALWAYS SLEEPY
KOKONOE WATARU, 2ND YEAR, RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING AND WASHING CLOTHES HIS FAMILY DOES THE LAUNDRY
PLEASE KEEP KOKONOE CLEANING IN YOUR MIND !!
IRINAKA YO, 1ST YEAR RESPONSIBLE FOR COOKING
ALSO, OUR SLAVE, DOING EVERYTHING FOR US
HEY, DON'T INTRODUCE ME LIKE THAT!!!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING AT ALL.
AND THIS IS SEIRYO SOUICHIROU, 2ND YEAR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, HO DOES NOTHING AT ALL!
WATARU IS NOW SPEAKING
BECAUSE HE IS ALSO A SCHOOL PRESIDENT SO HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME
HIS FAMILY IS AN OLD RICH FAMILY SO HE HAS BEEN TAUGHT EVERY SINGLE THING ABOUT MANNERS VERY STRICTLY SINCE HE WAS YOUNG! HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANNERS AND BEHAVIOUR

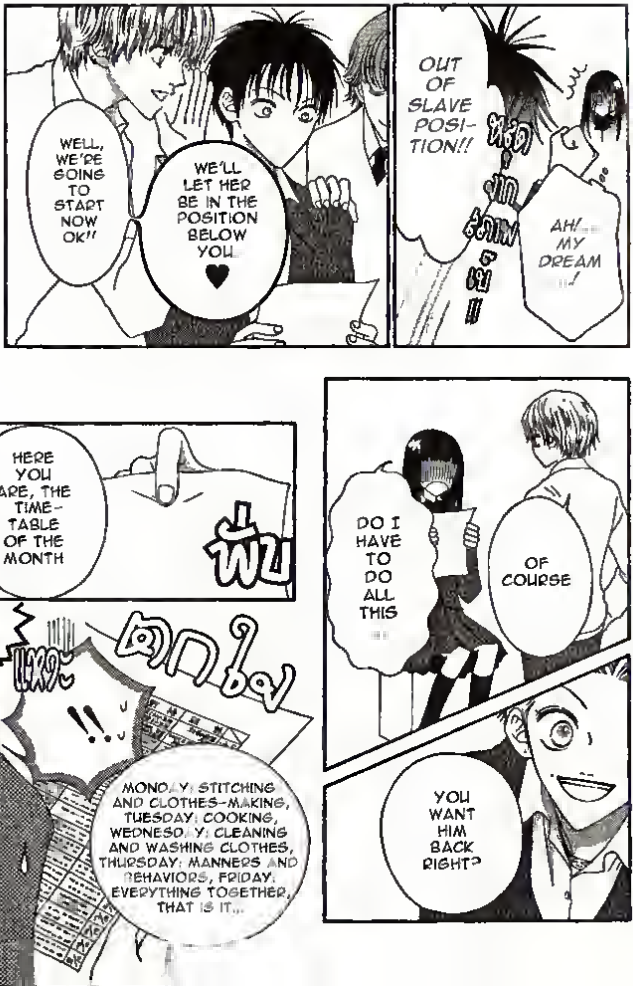
SO THAT'S ABOUT IT,
WE ARE GOING TO MAKE A TIMETABLE SO FROM TOMORROW WE CAN...
I TOLD YOU I STILL HAVE NOT...
TO HAVE REIO HERE, WE WOULD BEHAVE BETTER AND REIO-CHAN WILL BE ABLE TO DO HOUSEWORK SKILLFULLY AND GET BACK TOGETHER WITH HER BOYFRIEND!
PLEASE, YOU CAN THINK YOU WERE TRICKED TO ENTER THE CLUB, BUT JUST TRY A BIT! OK, THINK OF IT AS JUST A TESTER COURSE OK...?
WELL ONLY ONE MONTH, AND TO GET OUT IT WOULDN'T BE TOO LATE...
WHAT AM I THINK-ING
PLEASE ♡

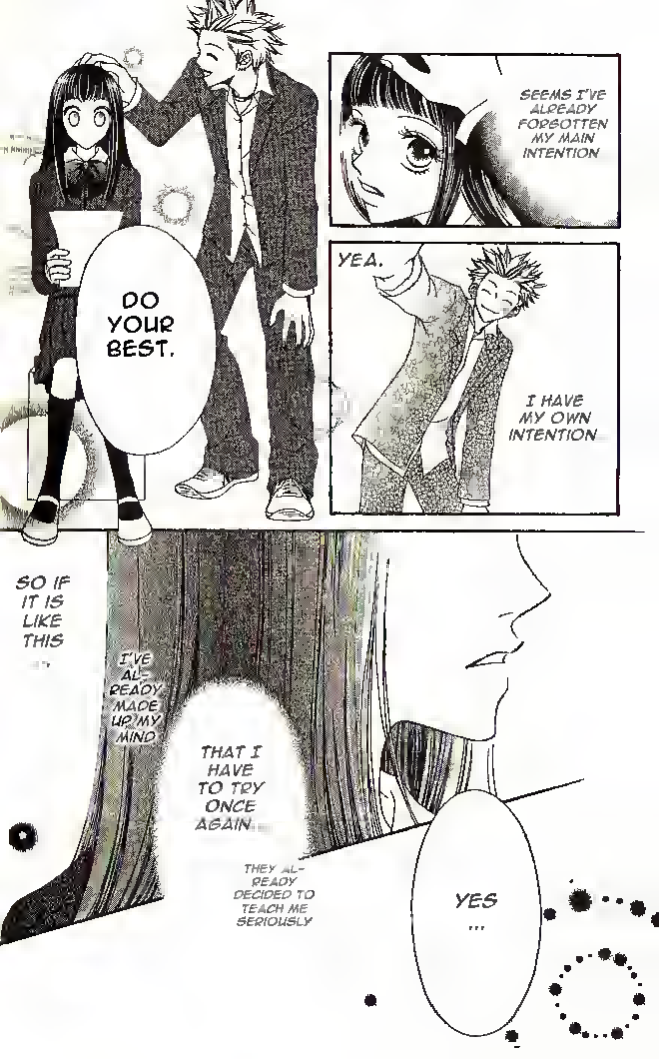

THIS IS TOO EASY.
วันจันทร์
REIO! YOU'D BETTER HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT IT BEFORE DECIDING TO DO ANYTHING, YOU KNOW!"
ANYWHERE BUT THERE
EH!? IS IT THAT BAD (LIKE WHAT I THOUGHT)
REALLY!?
WHAT!? YOU ARE ALREADY IN THE HOUSEWORK CLUB!?
DON'T YOU EVEN KNOW!? OH! YOU WERE NOT INTERESTED IN CLUBS AT ALL.
ONLY SPENT TIME WITH YOUR EX BOYFRIEND
THEY ARE SUPER FAMOUS, THOSE DEMONS!
ABOUT MEMBERS OF THE CLUB, AS YOU KNOW, THEY WERE TRICKED BY THE CUTE FACES OF THEM TO ENTER THE CLUB
MY FRIEND WAS TRICKED TOO
AGENT OF THE CLUB
SEEMS THAT WHENEVER THEY TEACH ANYONE THAT PERSON WILL CHANGE INTO A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON.
WELL THEY ARE ALL EASY WEIRD AND WHY
THEY'RE SO STRICT THAT PEOPLE CALL IT THE "SPORT CLUB OF CULTURAL CLUBS"
EH? THEY LOOKED SO RELAXED!?
OR THEY PRETENDED TO BE SO!
HMMM PEOPLE WHO WERE IN THERE SLOWLY QUIT ONE BY ONE AND -

FINALLY ONLY THOSE PEOPLE WERE LEFT. AND REIO CAN STAND A PLACE LIKE THAT, REALLY
NEVER SEEN HER COMPLETE ANYTHING AT ALL.
YEA YEA
NO, I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS ANYMORE... I'D BETTER QUIT!!
DON'T COME NEAR ME! YOU MAY GET THOSE GLITTERINGS NEAR ME
ME TOO.
WELL OK THEN YOU'D BEST!! WE HAVE TO GO NOW!!
CRUEL
WHAT SHOULD I DO— I DON'T WANT TO GO THERE
ting tong*
AH, I DON'T HAVE TO GO THERE, RIGHT
GOOD
I HAD BETTER GET AWAY NOW
WE CAME TO PICK YOU UP, LITTLE KITTY!!

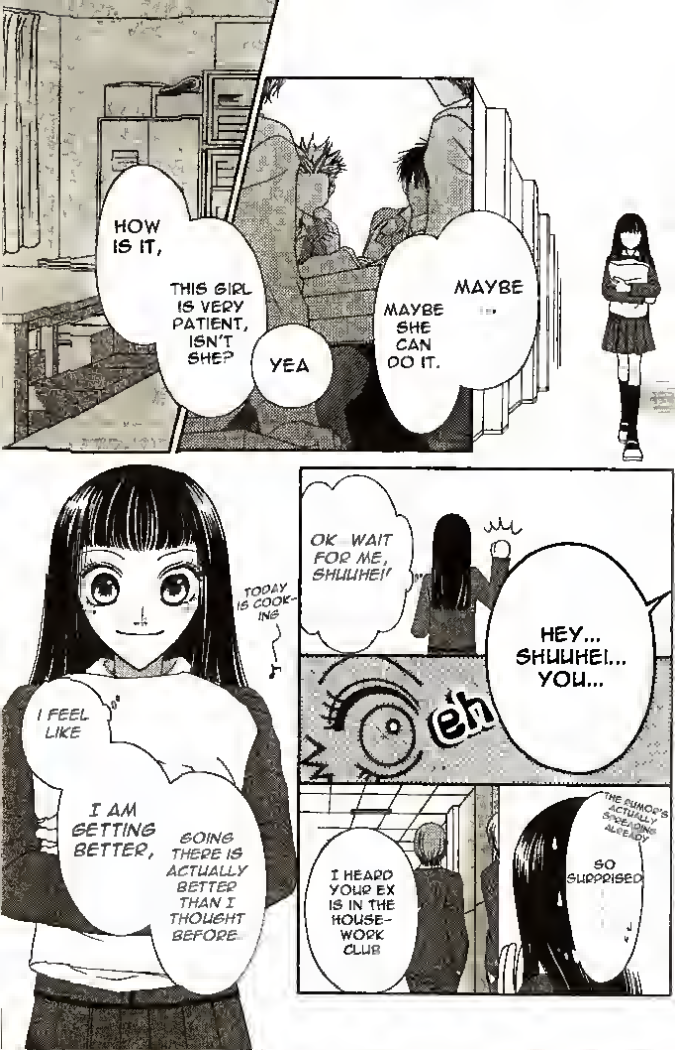
*SFX. BELL RINGING

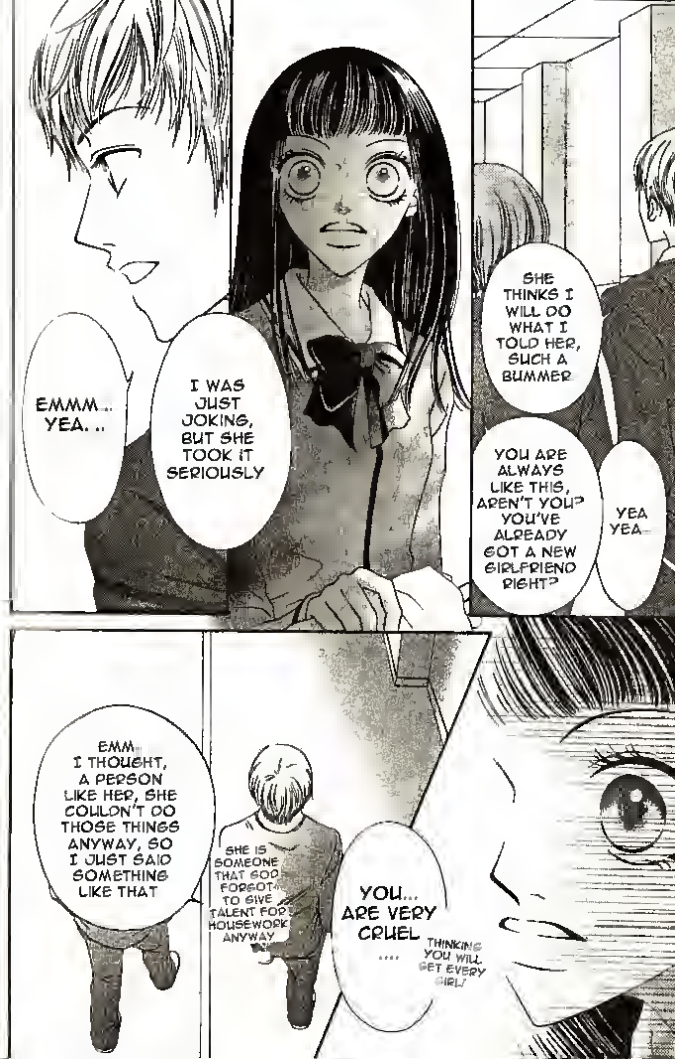
OK... WE ARE GOING TO START OUR LIVES IN A HAPPY CLUB...
NO
YO, HAVE YOU FINISHED SCHED-ULING THE TIMETABLE?
OH! HEAVEN BLESSED ...!
ARE YOU SERI-OUS
SEEMS SHE DOES NOT INTEND TO COME HERE AT ALL.
OH.. ALREADY FINISHED ...
grab
JUST MORE WORK TO MAKE ME BUSY
OK OK YO WE WILL JUST SEE HOW REIO-CHAN IS FIRST!

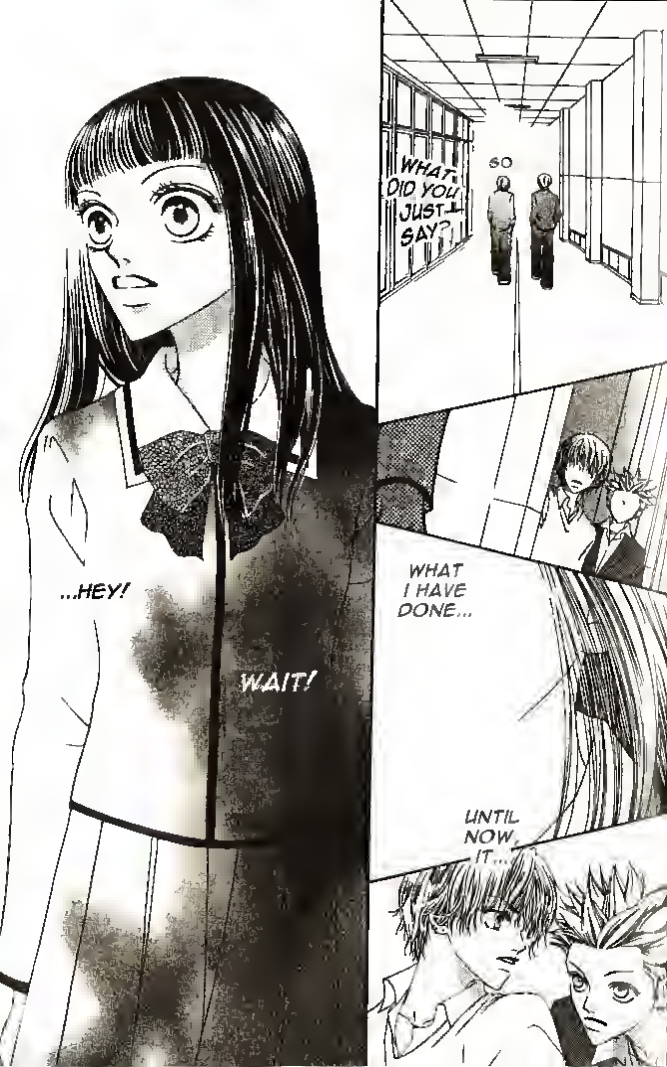

WELL, WE'RE GOING TO START NOW OK!!
WE'LL LET HER BE IN THE POSITION BELOW YOU
OUT OF SLAVE POSI-TION!!
AH!... MY DREAM...!
HERE YOU ARE, THE TIME-TABLE OF THE MONTH
DO I HAVE TO DO ALL THIS
OF COURSE
YOU WANT HIM BACK RIGHT?
MONDAY: STITCHING AND CLOTHES-MAKING, TUESDAY: COOKING, WEDNESDAY: CLEANING AND WASHING CLOTHES, THURSDAY: MANNERS AND BEHAVIORS, FRIDAY: EVERYTHING TOGETHER, THAT IS IT...


DO YOUR BEST.
SEEMS I'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN MY MAIN INTENTION
YEA.
I HAVE MY OWN INTENTION
SO IF IT IS LIKE THIS
I'VE ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND
THAT I HAVE TO TRY ONCE AGAIN
THEY ALREADY DECIDED TO TEACH ME SERIOUSLY
YES ...

Perfect Missions


HOW IS IT,
THIS GIRL IS VERY PATIENT, ISN'T SHE?
YEA
MAYBE
MAYBE SHE CAN DO IT.
OK WAIT FOR ME, SHUUHEI!
HEY... SHUUHEI... YOU...
eh
I HEARD YOUR EX IS IN THE HOUSE-WORK CLUB
THE RUMOR'S ACTUALLY SPREADING ALREADY
SO SURPRISED
TODAY IS COOKING
I FEEL LIKE
I AM GETTING BETTER,
GOING THERE IS ACTUALLY BETTER THAN I THOUGHT BEFORE

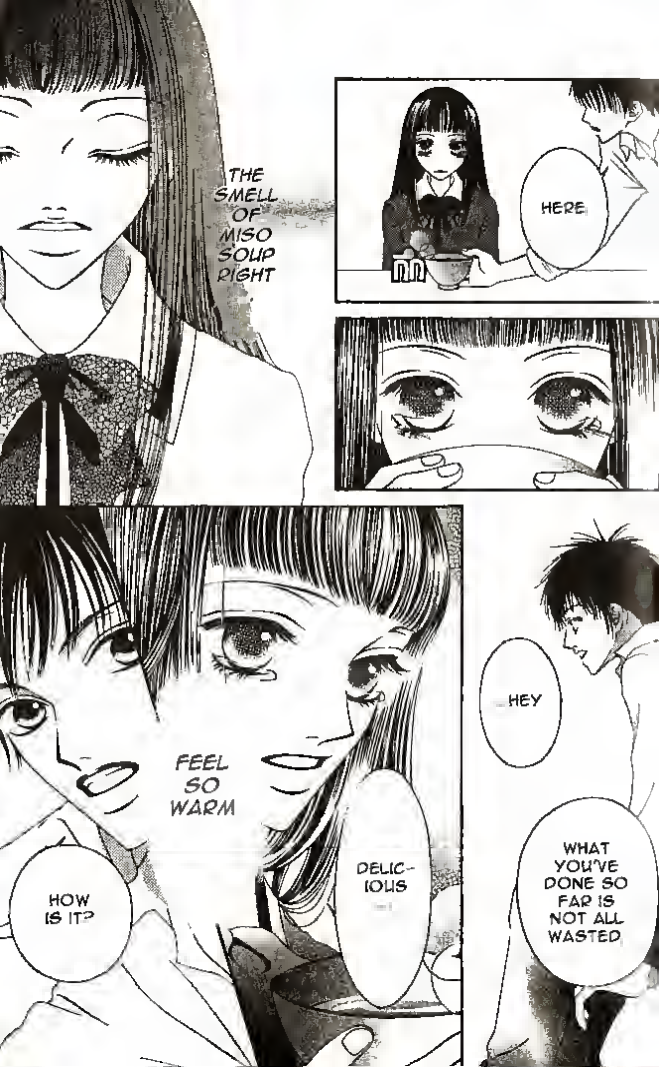

EMMM... YEA...
I WAS JUST JOKING, BUT SHE TOOK IT SERIOUSLY
SHE THINKS I WILL DO WHAT I TOLD HER, SUCH A BUMMER
YOU ARE ALWAYS LIKE THIS, AREN'T YOU? YOU'VE ALREADY GOT A NEW GIRLFRIEND RIGHT?
YEA YEA
EMM... I THOUGHT, A PERSON LIKE HER, SHE COULDN'T DO THOSE THINGS ANYWAY, SO I JUST SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT
SHE IS SOMEONE THAT GOD FORGOT TO GIVE TALENT FOR HOUSEWORK ANYWAY
YOU... ARE VERY CRUEL ....
THINKING YOU WILL GET EVERY GIRL


...HEY!
WAIT!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
SO
WHAT I HAVE DONE...
UNTIL NOW, IT...

IS FOR WHAT?
IRINAKA-KUN...
AHH? YOU ARE LATE, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING...
AGHH!!
WHAT, YOU ARE SO DULL!!
HE, HE'S THE PAST
IRINAKA-KUN,
I QUIT.
QUIT...
I WILL QUIT FROM THE HOUSE-WORK CLUB,
THIS IS ENOUGH

HUH?!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
THERE'S ONLY A BIT LEFT, ISN'T THERE
ANYWAY... I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO IT!
EVEN IF I TRY SO HARD, I WOULDN'T WIN ANY-THING BACK!
HM...
SO THIS IS IT

THAT GUY DOESN'T WANT TO GET BACK WITH ME IN THE FIRST PLACE...
ACTUALLY YOU SHOULD ALREADY HAVE REALIZED THAT SINCE THE FIRST TIME HE TOLD YOU ALREADY
FROM WHAT I HEARD, I KNOW HE IS SUCH A BASTARD
SOB ...
A...AH ERR, SORRY, SORRY, DON'T CRY!
WHAT IF THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE... WORK CLUB SEE YOU LIKE THIS?
WAIT FOR ME
pat
WHAT?
AH...


THE SMELL OF MISO SOUP RIGHT
HERE
HEY
WHAT YOU'VE DONE SO FAR IS NOT ALL WASTED
FEEL SO WARM
DELIC-IOUS
HOW IS IT?

ALTHOUGH YOUR TARGET TO GET BACK WITH YOUR EX MAY BE DESTROYED
IF YOU GIVE UP LIKE THIS YOU WON'T SUCEED IN ANYTHING AT ALL
AND THIS IS THE LAST THING I'LL TELL YOU
I THINK YOU'RE A WONDERFUL PERSON
BECAUSE, NOBODY CAN STAND US FOR THIS LONG
THOSE GUYS
THEY DEFINITELY THINK THE SAME THING
SO-
THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU CAN SAY SOMETHING GOOD, YO!
REALLY, JUST YO!
RIGHT, RIGHT!
HEY!
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE
SINCE THE BEGINNING

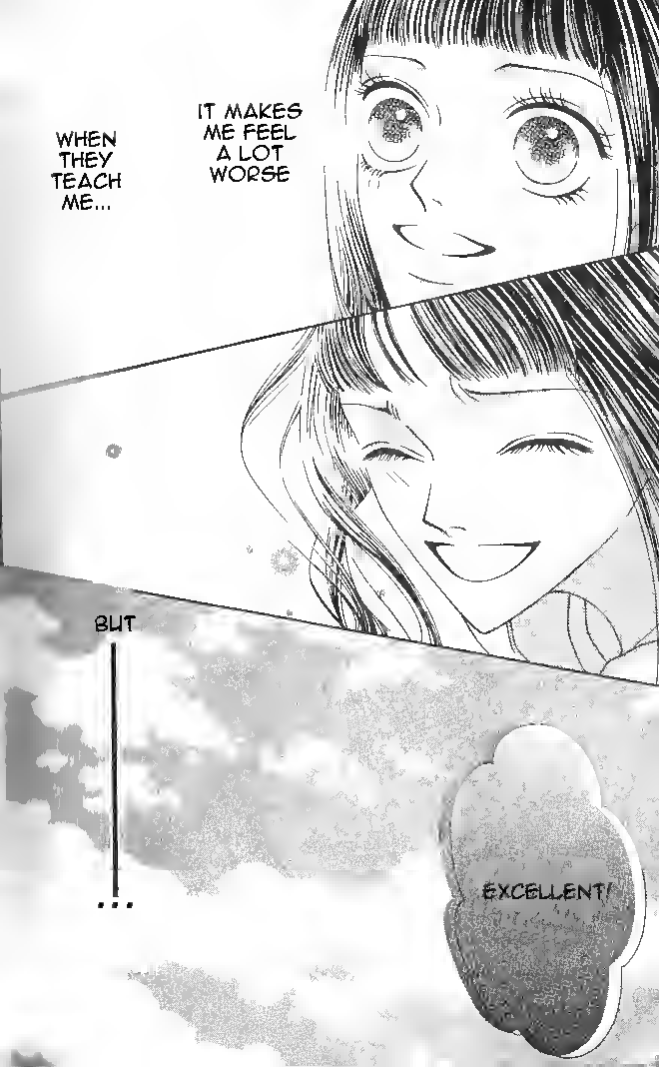
REIO-CHAN, BECAUSE OF THAT
PLEASE TRY AGAIN WITH US!
DON'T WASTE WHAT YOU'VE DONE SO FAR!
IF YOU TRY REALLY HARD, I'LL GIVE YOU A PRIZE!
OK
USUALLY THEY'RE QUITE WEIRD
WHENEVER THEY TEACH ME, I ACTUALLY FEEL A LOT WORSE...
BUT, EVERYONE IS ALSO...
VERY KIND.
YES...
OKAY, LET'S DO THE FINAL CHECK
DO THE APRON
SEWING AND STITCHING
OK!
COOKING OK!

WASHING CLOTHES: OK
MANNERS AND BEHAVIOUR OK
SO THIS IS IT
SO, THIS IS IT
THANKS FOR STAYING WITH US!
ONLY ONE MONTH AND YOU CAN DO ALL THIS!
YOU ARE GOOD! OK, YOU'VE REALLY DONE YOUR BEST! THEREFORE, WE WILL HAVE A COURSE COMPLETION PARTY! YEAH!
YOU GUYS JUST WANT TO CELEBRATE
OUT LOUD RIGHT? AND TO PREPARE
REIO-CHAN IS ALREADY DRUNK?
AND REIO-CHAN, DID YOU GO SEE HIM?
THE PRIZE THEY TALKED ABOUT, IT IS THIS.
YES, BUT EVEN IF I SEE HIM
THERE IS NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT ANYMORE

ERR...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TEACHING ME EVERYTHING
THANK YOU...
...FOR ALL YOUR KINDNESS OVER THE PAST MONTH
FROM NOW ON...
I'VE DECIDED NOT TO COME HERE ANYMORE
ALTHOUGH AT FIRST, I DIDN'T INTEND TO COME HERE
BUT, NOW I FEEL THAT...
I REALLY ENJOYED MYSELF!

AFTER THIS
I GUESS I'LL GO BACK TO MY NORMAL LIFESTYLE
I THINK, THAT IS.
แป่ด
EHHH...? WAIT! WHAT IS THAT?
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
แป่ด
LET ME DOWN!
AGHHH YOU'RE FINALLY HERE! YOU'RE LATE REIO-CHAN!
WE GOT HERE EARLY JUST TO GET READY FOR THIS, YOU KNOW.

I AM A BAD GUY I LIKE PLAYING AROUND WITH GIRLS
EVERYONE PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
I TOLD YOU, IT'S FREEZING !!
..W..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING..!?
1-3, take this
THIS IS THE COURSE COMPLETION PARTY..
NEXT TIME, YOU MUST PRACTICE LOOKING FOR A BOYFRIEND!
YEAH... YEAH... GOOD SAMPLES ARE ALREADY IN FRONT OF YOU!
...NORMALLY
THEY ARE QUITE WEIRD.


WHEN THEY TEACH ME...
IT MAKES ME FEEL A LOT WORSE
BUT
...
EXCELLENT!

HMMM...
SO WE'RE FREE AGAIN.
EVEN THOUGH THE FIRST TARGET HAS ALREADY DISAPPEARED, BUT...
SO BAD, WE ALREADY HAVE SOMEONE FUN TO PLAY WITH.
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT.
WELL...
OH, YOU'RE NOT HAPPY?
YO, ALSO, FEELS SO BAD, THOUGH
HE WILL GET OUT OF THE SLAVE POSITION

"SMILE"
HMMM... IS THAT SO
"SMILE"
AH, OUR YO THINKS OF REIO-CHAN AS
HUH!?
I
DECIDED TO TAKE THE STEPS I TOOK EARLIER, AGAIN
SO THAT I WOULD BE ABLE TO IMPROVE MYSELF EVEN MORE...
HEY... YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SO COOL!
GLITTERY SHINING LIGHT!
NOISY, ALL OF YOU!
ERR...
I WOULD LIKE TO ENTER THE CLUB...

NADESHIKO CLUB CHAP 1/END

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NADESHIKO CLUB

Chapter 2

Character Background Info

This corner will have stories regarding each character. I may also talk about episodes that may or may not happen in the series. Which is it?

Reo Kimoto

I had decided on the name, "Reo." but I couldn't decide on the last name. "Hmm...Reo...Reo...Leo..." → "I can only think of Leo Morimoto (an actor)" → "But I can't use the name directly so I'll change it a little and make it Hayashimoto... but that's too hard to say.. Kimoto! Oh, that's perfect!" (What's so perfect about it?) And that's how it went (laugh)

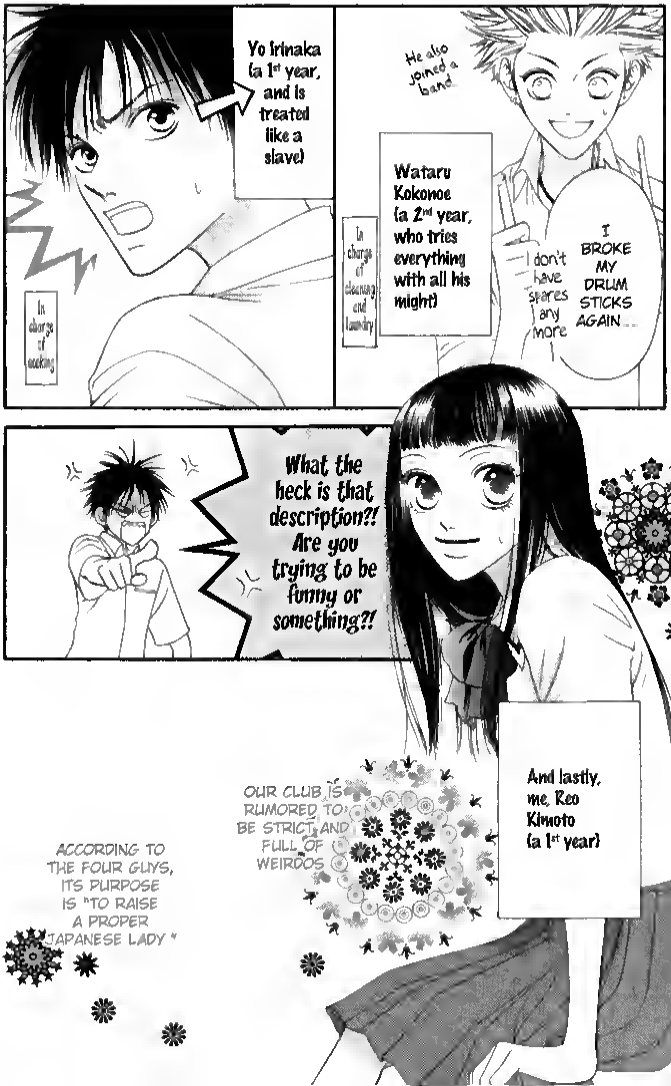
My friend, from whom I got the name, was very happy, but I haven't told her how I came up with the last name (laugh). I wonder if she'll get mad after seeing this ~

My image of her these days is Mariko Takahashi (an actress)

On her character profile, I have her down as "gets drunk with Oolong Tea", but.. (laugh)

I'll write about the other 4 in the 1/4 sections!

Home Ec Room
The house-work club at my high school,
consists of four guys and one girl, and it's a bit weird.
MAN —— I'M SO TIRED ——..
But you ditched PE
In charge of sewing
Nozomu Hanabishi, our Vice President (a 2nd year, and lethargic)
In charge of manners
I WONDER WHY FLOWERS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL...
Club president and also Student Council President, Soichiro Seiryou (a 2nd year, and easy-going)

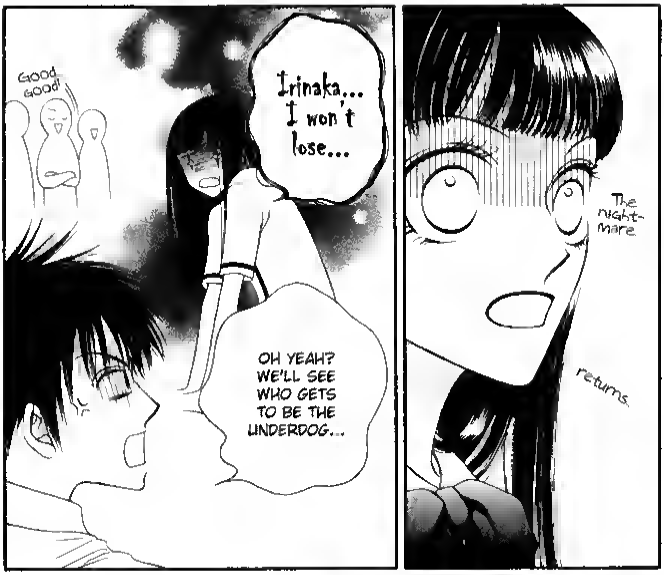

Yo Irinaka (a 1st year, and is treated like a slave)
In charge of cooking
He also joined a band
Wataru Kokonoe (a 2nd year, who tries everything with all his might)
In charge of cleaning and laundry
I BROKE MY DRUM STICKS AGAIN...
I don't have spares any more
What the heck is that description?! Are you trying to be funny or something?!
And lastly, me, Reo Kimoto (a 1st year)
OUR CLUB IS RUMORED TO BE STRICT AND FULL OF WEIRDOS
ACCORDING TO THE FOUR GUYS, ITS PURPOSE IS "TO RAISE A PROPER JAPANESE LADY"

Jam-packed training schedule
Just under the eye!
Hands all scratched up
I was dumped by my boyfriend because I couldn't do anything lady-like.
So in order to fix that, I recently joined this club.
Therefore, I'm the lowest member of the club,
...but...
CAN I ASK SOME-THING?
.....
AW, CRAP! I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CLOTH YO, GO BUY SOME!
I'm so sore from organizing files.
YO, CAN YOU RUB MY BACK?
YO~~~! I'M HUNGRY! COOK SOME-THING!

WHY AM I STILL BEING TREATED LIKE THIS WHEN WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER?!
Whoa!
YOU IDIOT! REO IS A GIRL!
We have to pamper girls and treat them gently
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT AFTER MAKING HER GO THROUGH SUCH RIGOROUS TRAINING?!
Though I'm not one to talk
THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY!!
OR WHAT? ARE YOU TELLING US TO SLAVE HER AROUND? YOU THINK THAT'S ACCEPTABLE FOR A JAPANESE GUY?!
Uh...
...NO WAY! I WON'T BE TALKED INTO IT THIS TIME!!
Oh! How cheeky!

I REFUSE TO BE TREATED LIKE THIS ANYMORE!
REO KIMOTO! I CHALLENGE YOU!!
Huh?
IT'S A FIGHT OVER WHO GETS THE SLAVE POSITION!!
THIS CONVERSATION IS TURNING INTO AN UNFAVORABLE ONE AGAIN
Err...
UH... UM, I DON'T REALLY MIND IT...
Being a slave and stuff
NO, NO, REO! WE SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR ONCE AND FOR ALL.
Ugh!

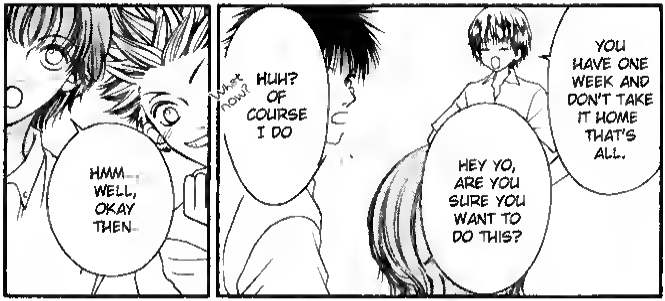
It looks fun.
AND BESIDES,
YEAH, PLUS YO WANTS TO PROVE WHAT A MAN HE IS.
IF YOU LOSE, THEN YOU'LL BE THE SLAVE AND YOU'LL ALSO HAVE TO GO THROUGH A TOUGH TRAINING AGAIN.
HMM .. REO, YOU DON'T SEEM TOO EXCITED.
THEN, HOW ABOUT THIS?
BUT, THAT'S NO REASON TO...
LET'S NOT DO IT—!!
AND...
IT'LL BE THAT WAY UNTIL WE GRADUATE.

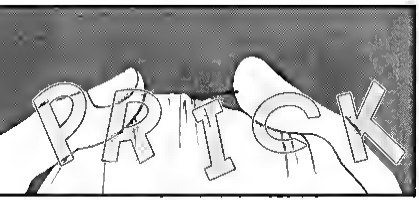

Good, good!
Irinaka... I won't lose...
OH YEAH? WE'LL SEE WHO GETS TO BE THE UNDERDOG...
The nightmare returns.

A few days later
Home Ec Room

WHISPER
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL SET IT UP SO THAT YOU HAVE AN ADVANTAGE.
?

AND SO—— I'D LIKE TO START THE "YO IRINAKA TRIES TO ESCAPE SLAVERY" FAIR——!
Don't call it a "Fair!" I'm serious here!!
UH, OKAY... OKAY! YOU'RE ANNOYING US, SO DON'T GET SO EXCITED.
THE TASK WILL BE SEWING, SINCE YOU TWO ARE ON PAR AT THAT. NOW, HANA WILL EXPLAIN THE RULES!
SURE!
It's the end of summer and we're making an aloha shirt?
YOU MUST MAKE AN ALOHA SHIRT BECAUSE I WANT TO WEAR ONE!
THEREFORE, YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT MY SIZE
ACTUALLY, SINCE I'M SO KIND, I'VE ALREADY MADE THE PATTERN FOR YOU TWO. YOU SHOULD THANK ME.


HMM... WELL, OKAY THEN.
Huh? Now?
HUH? OF COURSE I DO
HEY YO, ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO DO THIS?
YOU HAVE ONE WEEK AND DON'T TAKE IT HOME THAT'S ALL.



AND SO,

OUR MATCH BEGAN, BUT...

OUCH !!!
IF HE'S ALREADY LIKE THIS AT THIS STAGE, THEN YOU'RE DEFINITELY BETTER
YO IS JUST INCREDIBLY CLUTZY WITH EVERYTHING OTHER THAN COOKING.
Though he'd probably forgotten that.
So that's what this was about
I SEE..

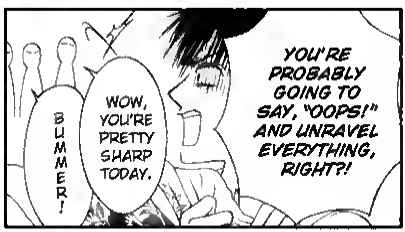
HUH? WHAT THE.. HOW DO I SEW THIS PART?
Afterwards
THUMP
THUMP
GAH! THE SEWING MACHINE WON'T STOP!!
W WOW! EVEN I'M GETTING NERVOUS TOO
ARGH! I PRICKED MYSELF AGAIN!!
HMM... I SEE...
YEAH, YEAH.
HUH? LIKE THIS?
OH, YOU PUT THAT INSIDE AND SEW THEM TOGETHER
I won't accept help from an enemy!!
GEEZ I WAS JUST TRYING TO BE HELPFUL

And it was a really close match.

But maybe Yo is a hard-worker at heart.
And he continued his almost painful efforts...
covered in blood...

GEEZ, GUYS, JUST GO AWAY!!
Hmph! We don't like Yo coz he's so cold to us

Whoa!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! DON'T TOUCH IT!!
YEAH, IT KINDA LOOKS LIKE A SHIRT!
WOW, THIS IS PRETTY GOOD FOR YO

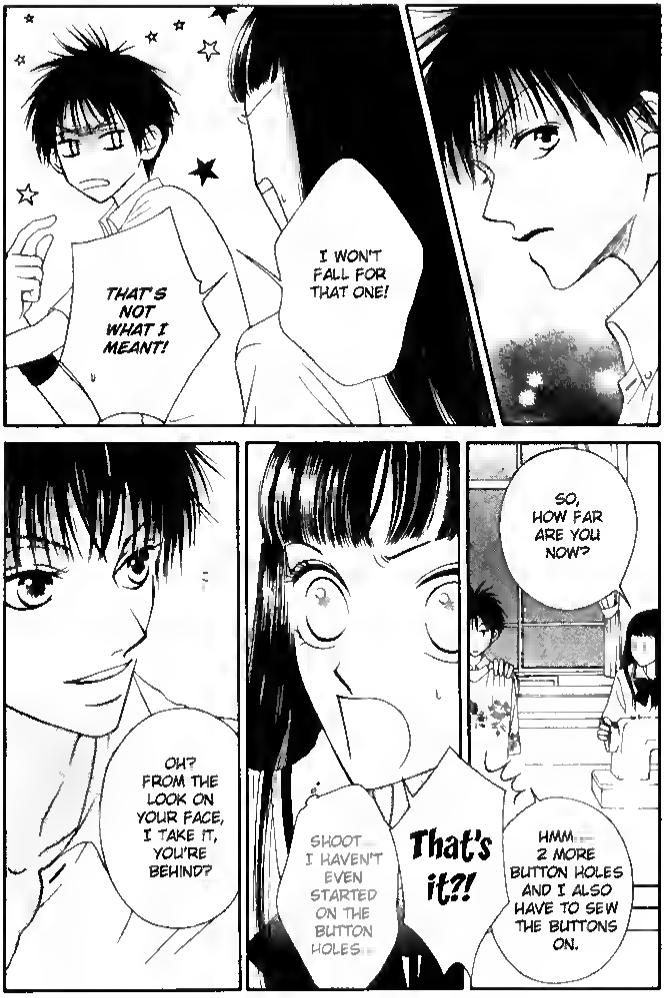

BUMMER!
WOW, YOU'RE PRETTY SHARP TODAY.
YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO SAY, "OOPS!" AND UNRAVEL EVERYTHING, RIGHT?!

SLAM...
AH —— ! WE FINALLY GOT RID OF THOSE NOISY GUYS..
HEY.. I'VE BEEN WONDER-ING,
WHY DID YOU JOIN THIS CLUB?
A SIMPLE QUESTION
MY OLDER BROTHER .. WAS GOOD FRIENDS WITH THEM ..
Man, he really doesn't know how to choose friends.
I WAS DRAGGED IN HERE TO FILL IN MY BROTHER'S PLACE, WHO WENT TO A DIF-FERENT HIGH SCHOOL. .
I was so stupid for choos-ing the same school as they did
I SEE...
Poor you

COME TO THINK OF IT,
I DON'T REALLY KNOW ANY OF THEM...
OH!!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT NOW!
IF IRINAKA HAS DONE QUITE A LOT ALREADY
THEN I MAY END UP BEING A SLAVE... AND GO THROUGH MAD TRAINING AGAIN...!
SFX <SHUDDER>
WHIRRRRRR...
She's suddenly all fired up
Huh? What the?
I MUST AVOID THAT AT ALL COSTS...!!

ANNOYED.
WELL, BETTER THAN BEFORE, ANYWAY
.....
BUT, IT'S GOOD.
WHAT?! REALLY?!
YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY GOOD AT HEMMING.
WOW ——!
THEN, YO, ESPECIALLY YOU, GOOD LUCK! ♥
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NOTHING.
YEAH, YEAH! GO ANYWHERE!
Dammit... I'm hungry too!
WE'RE GOING TO PIG OUT ON NOODLES SINCE WE GOT FREE TICKETS. SO, BYE!
SO, WORK HARD, YOU TWO!
TODAY'S THE LAST DAY

HUAAAH —— ! I'M TIRED!
TOC
TIC
WHAT~~~? ARE YOU OKAY? YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK.
MY EYES AREN'T FOCUSING ANYMORE.
WOW, IT'S SO LATE ALREADY.

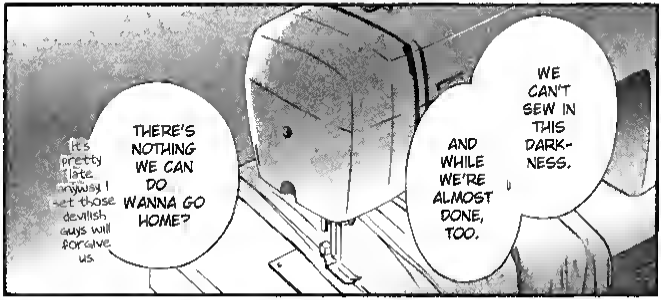

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
I WON'T FALL FOR THAT ONE!
SO, HOW FAR ARE YOU NOW?
HMM... 2 MORE BUTTON HOLES AND I ALSO HAVE TO SEW THE BUTTONS ON.
That's it?!
SHOOT... I HAVEN'T EVEN STARTED ON THE BUTTON HOLES...
OH? FROM THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE, I TAKE IT, YOU'RE BEHIND?

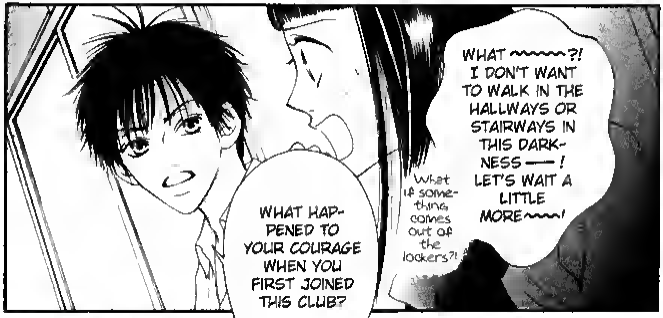
POOF
WELL, GOOD LUCK!
he he
YOU ARE SO ANNOY-ING!
I DEFI-NITELY WON'T LOSE...
TO YOU...
.. OH, NO ..
...A BLACK-OUT...?

LOOKS LIKE IT..
SFX:CRASH!!?
AAAH——!! IT'S ALL DARK NOW!!
I JUST FINISHED WATCHING "SCHOOL HORROR STORIES" ON VIDEO!!
WHAT DO I CARE? JUST DON'T MOVE!!
This room is full with danger-ous objects!
SFX:RATTLE RATTLE
SLASH!!

B-BUT... WHY? IS IT JUST THIS ROOM?
NOPE...
I THINK IT'S THE WHOLE SCHOOL. BUT LIGHTS IN THE HOUSES AROUND HERE ALL ARE ON...
H...HEY, IRINAKA. . C-CAN I GO OVER TO YOUR SIDE?
I feel like some thing is sur rounding me.
Don't say stupi$ like that..
SURE, BUT DON'T BRING A NEEDLE WITH YOU
AH.
Leave it behind
.....

AT LEAST WE CAN SEE A BIT FROM THE LIGHT OUTSIDE
YEAH, MY EYES ARE GETTING USED TO IT NOW
MAN, WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO GET THE LIGHTS ON AGAIN?


WE CAN'T SEW IN THIS DARK-NESS.
AND WHILE WE'RE ALMOST DONE, TOO.
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO WANNA GO HOME?
It's pretty late anyway! Let those devilish guys will forgive us


WHAT ~~~~~?! I DON'T WANT TO WALK IN THE HALLWAYS OR STAIRWAYS IN THIS DARK-NESS ——! LET'S WAIT A LITTLE MORE~~~!
What if something comes out of the lockers?!
WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOUR COURAGE WHEN YOU FIRST JOINED THIS CLUB?

I... I WOULD'VE BEEN FINE IF I HADN'T WATCHED THAT STUPID MOVIE 3 DAYS AGO!
BUT— THAT—
NO. DON'T TELL ME.

I WONDER WHAT THE OTHERS ARE DOING...
I BET THEY WENT HOME ALREADY.
WE MUST BE THE ONLY ONES STILL LEFT HERE...
HAHA SORRY...
HMM... I REMEMBER I HAD TO STAY THIS LATE DURING MY TRAINING TOO...
YEAH...

BACK THEN, I WAS THE PUPIL,
BUT NOW, HE'S CHALLENGING ME I'M SO HAPPY!
OH, BY THE WAY, ARE YOU OKAY WITH IT NOW?
HUH?
I HAVEN'T BEEN ALONE WITH IRINAKA SINCE THEN
YOU KNOW, YOUR "EX-BOYFRIEND"?

AH — YEAH —
YOU KNOW,
SINCE EVERYONE TOOK REVENGE ON HIM IN MY PLACE,

I'LL BE ALRIGHT WITH IT NOW..
AND I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING EVEN WHEN I SEE HIM.
HMM.. THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
YEP.

BUT,
IF I HADN'T JOINED THIS CLUB,
I WOULD'VE DRAGGED AROUND THAT BAD FEELING FOREVER

SO,
I'M GRATEFUL TO EVERYONE FOR HELPING ME GET OVER IT

I MEAN IT,
THANK YOU.
IT'S...
SFX<BLUSH>

Yo Irinaka

"Irinaka" is a place in Nagoya. There is an accessories shop that I like there. I haven't been there recently ~

I chose "Yo" because I like names like "Ko" and "So". Come to think of it, I've used all these types of names. (laugh) And I also like names with the kanji "Ta", like "Kouta" and "Tomon".

He was actually supposed to be a dark and cool guy with a hidden past... but he's somehow turned out like this!! (laugh) But I'm glad he's at a slave position now! It's fun! (laugh)

Where did I put my bag?
SHE'S HOLDING ONTO ME SO TIGHT THAT'S SO CUTE
SQUEEZE
Oh!
WAIT, ISN'T THIS MY CHANCE TO GAIN THE UPPER HAND?!
Although thanks to Mother's unusually tender
I'LL GIVE HER A SCARE
ALRIGHT,

HUH?
HEY.. WAIT..
SFX: STOP
BEHIND YOU... JUST NOW...

N...
ドカーン!!
WHOA——!!
OW WW..
HEY, I'M SORRY I WAS KIDDING.
SFX: CRASH!!!

WHIRR
HUH? A JOKE...?
GEEZ! DON'T DO THAT AT A TIME LIKE... THIS...
CLICK

I..
I'M SORRY!!
SFX <RELEASE>
ばっ
NO, ME TOO..
THUMP THUMP
I'VE PINNED HIM DOWN
Wow, that surprised me!
THUMP

AH... BUT I'M GLAD THE LIGHTS ARE BACK ON!
WE CAN CONTINUE OUR SEWING...
NOW...
Oh!
WHY ARE YOU FROZEN?
.....

Impossible to be fixed
UH... ERM... I REMEMBER...
WONDERING WHAT THE SOUND WAS WHEN I WAS MAKING A RACKET...
IN THE DARK...
HAHA. HA...
I'm sorry.
H...

the Next Day
Home Ec Room
I WON'T TAKE ANY EXCUSES
LUCK IS ALSO A SKILL.
WHAT~~~~~?!
NO~~~~!!
SO, HANA-BISHI,
WHAT IS THE DECI-SION?!

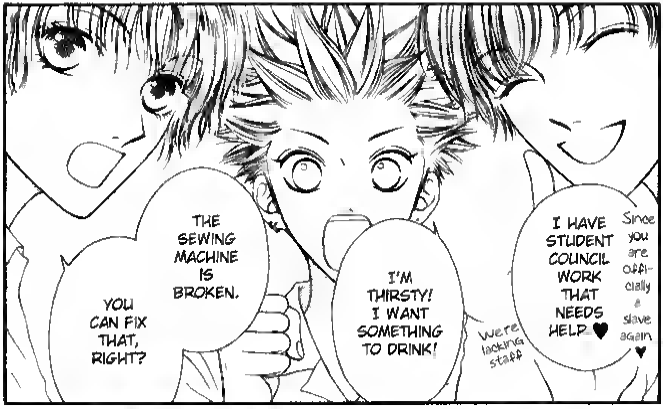
THE PHRASE OF THE WEEK...
It's not clothing if you can't wear the shirt!!
THERE-FORE...

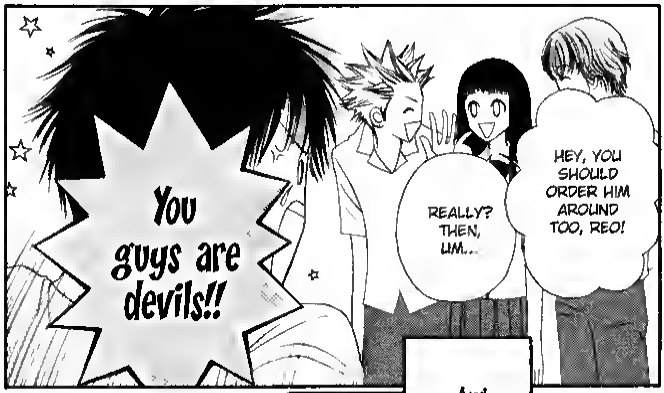
YO WILL CONTINUE TO BE OUR SLAVE~~~!!
THE WINNER IS... REO KIMOTO!!
HUH? HOW DID YOU KNOW... I THOUGHT YOU GUYS WENT HOME EARLY...
No way. How can such an unfortunate accident cause my loss?
BY THE WAY, YO..
DID SOMETHING GOOD COME OUT OF THAT BLACKOUT YESTERDAY? IT WAS A PRETTY LONG TIME
WHISPER WHISPER

N-NO.... YOU GUYS.... DIDN'T...?!
GRIN
GRIN
Some things are better left unsaid.
Never mind!
Huh? What is it?
WAIT... WHAT IS YOUR POSITION AGAIN?
I could cry.
TO CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO GET YOUR HANDS ON REO!
IT WAS OUR KINDNESS...
ALONE IN A DARK ROOM! ISN'T THAT THE BEST SITUATION?
NO, I MEANT THE OTHER ONE!
HUH? I'M THE HOUSEWORK CLUB PRESIDENT

AWW... COME ON, YO WHY DO YOU THINK I BECAME THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT IN THE FIRST PLACE?
AH... STUDENT COUNCIL PRESI-DENT?
Yeah, that one!
HOW CAN THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT CAUSE A SCHOOL BLACK-OUT?!
IT WAS SO THAT I CAN "GO WHEREVER AND WHEN-EVER I WANT!"
THAT'S NOT SOME-THING TO BE PROUD OF!!
Of course that's not the only reason.
I see.
SO, HOW WAS IT?

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS!!
ナニ?!
SFX <DART!>
SFX:<BLUSH>
← He remembered.
AH, GEE, I LOVE HIS REAC-TION! ♪
YO REALLY DOESN'T GET WHY EVERY-ONE SCREWS WITH HIM.
HMM... I GUESS HE DIDN'T REALLY INITIATE ANYTHING.
THAT'S MY YO! HE'S PERFECT AS A SLAVE!
OH, YO, HOLD ON!
WHAT IS IT?!


THE SEWING MACHINE IS BROKEN.
YOU CAN FIX THAT, RIGHT?
I'M THIRSTY! I WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK!
We're lacking staff!
I HAVE STUDENT COUNCIL WORK THAT NEEDS HELP ♥
Since you are offi-cially a slave again ♥



And so it was.

we're having fun in our housework club again.

NADESHIKO CLUB
Chapter 3

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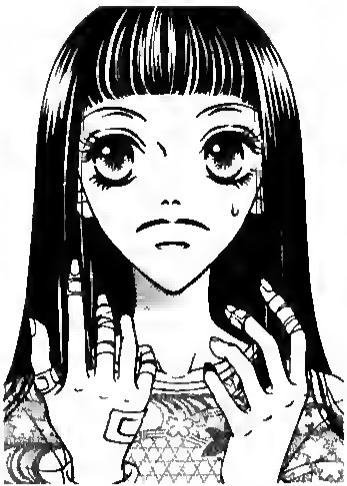
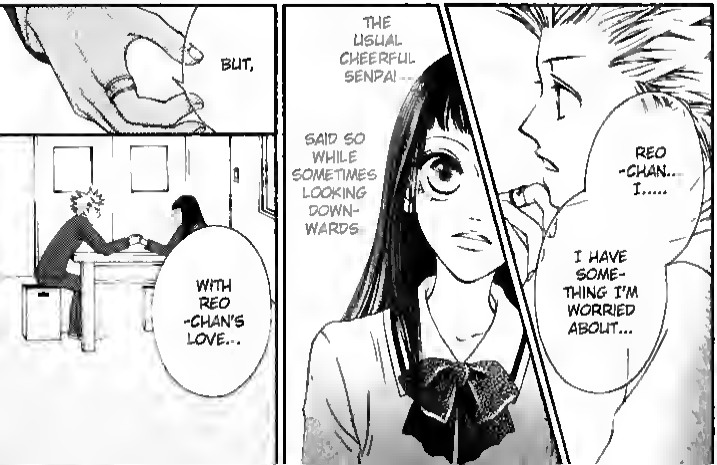


Home Ec Room
I JOINED THE HOUSE-WORK-CLUB TO BECOME MORE FEMININE,
BUT.
THE CLUB TURNED OUT TO BE A CAVERN OF WEIRDOS
I FOUND MY NICHE HERE AND STAYED.
ALTHOUGH I KIND OF FELT THIS WAS NOT WHAT I CAME HERE FOR,
I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT ——!!


BUT,
WITH REO -CHAN'S LOVE...
THE USUAL CHEERFUL SENPAI--
SAID SO WHILE SOMETIMES LOOKING DOWN-WARDS.
REO -CHAN... I.....
I HAVE SOME-THING I'M WORRIED ABOUT...

SO, MY LOVE IS NOT ENOUGH?
I don't want it!!
COME ON, WE DECIDED ONLY RECENTLY THAT YOU'RE THE ULTIMATE LOWEST! DON'T BUTT IN!
I THINK IT MAY BE OKAY...
HWACK!!
But this is different!
Different from what?!
ODDLY ENOUGH,
THIS CLUB CONSISTS OF 4 BOYS AND A GIRL
ガラッ
SFX <SLIDES>
YO!
Nozomu Hanabishi : in charge of sewing.
He is also the student council president.
Soichiro Seiryo : club president, in charge of mannerisms.
HEY THERE, WHAT'S UP?

HAHAHA.. SO, WHAT'S WORRYING YOU, WATARU-SENPAI?
Yo Irinaka : in charge of cooking,
Wataru Kokonoe : in charge of cleaning, and
And me, Reo Kimoto.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SAYING DUMB THINGS.
YO HIT ME ~~~!
ERR ~~~~ WELL....
OUR BAND'S GUITARIST RAN AWAY, AND WE'RE IN TROUBLE
WHAT? ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT "YOU'RE KICKED OUT"?
HUH? YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT SOME-THING?
THAT'S A RARE COMBINA-TION: YOU AND WORRY.
SHUT UP! I HAVE MY SHARE OF WORRIES TOO!
SO, LET'S HEAR IT!
Sounds interesting!

YEP! I WAS TRYING HARD TO KEEP CALM!
AND WE ONLY HAVE A MONTH TILL OUR PERFOR-MANCE...
"THIS TIME"?
TOO BAD —! IT'S DIFFERENT THIS TIME!
I SEE...
He IS a little weird
HE ALWAYS GETS TOO EXCITED AND DESTROYS DRUM-SETS AND EVERYTHING ELSE, SO HE OFTEN GETS KICKED OUT.
But another band took our guitar-ist !! (CRY)
THAT'S TOO BAD..
WHAT?! WATARU-SENPAI, YOU'RE GOING TO PERFORM?!
I want to see it!
GEEZ ..
MAN, I WISH I COULD FIND SOMEONE! I WON'T ASK TOO MUCH! HE CAN JUST STAND THERE!
Although it'd be much better if he can play!
I SEE.
I HAVE GOOD NETWORKING, BUT IT ALSO MEANS THAT THESE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT MY DESTROY-ING HABIT.
YOU'VE BEEN BAND-HOPPING ANYWAYS, SO CAN'T YOU JUST GO FIND ANOTHER ONE?
WELL, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US..
YOU GUYS ARE SO COLD...

Wh...?!
HEY, WEREN'T YOU USED TO PLAY THE GUITAR, YO...?
OH! I REMEMBER KOU SAYING, "LET'S AIM FOR A BROTHER PAIR!"..
BUT THAT WAS SOME-THING HE FORCED ME TO DO...
"KOU"?
YO'S OLDER BROTHER
Same age as us.
Ah, that one.
...YO!!
WAIT! THAT WAS BACK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL... PLUS, I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF I CAN DO CORDS!!
YOU'LL FIGURE OUT SOMEHOW!
We'll train you hard for a month!

I CAN'T DO BOTH...
B-BUT, LOOK! I'M USUALLY IN CHARGE OF PROVIDING FOOD TO YOUR BAND MEMBERS BEFORE YOUR CONCERTS!
I'LL LET REO-CHAN DO THAT, THEN! YO, JUST PLAY THE GUITAR!!
WOW! YOU DO THAT TOO?
So I can't slack off at all
YEP. IT'S RUMORED THAT IF YOU'RE IN WATARU'S BAND, THEN YOU'LL GET TO EAT SOME GOOD STUFF.
YOUR APPEARANCE ISN'T BAD EITHER, AND IF YOU DON'T TALK, NO ONE WILL KNOW YOU'RE A SLAVE!
IMPOSSIBLE! I WON'T BE ABLE TO PLAY EVEN AFTER A YEAR! I CAN'T!
Who cares about that?!
WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT MOTIVATED ENOUGH!
UH... I don't deny that
BOW
I'M BEGGING YOU!!
WE RENTED A PRETTY BIG PLACE THIS TIME~~~!
YOU CAN'T JUST...!
HUH?! WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!

I REALLY REA—LLY REA〰LLY WANT TO PLAY!!
BECAUSE SENPAI BEGGED US ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES,
WHILE HE NORMALLY WOULDN'T DO THAT,
WE HAD NO IDEA...
WE LOST OUR CHANCE TO DECLINE.
HA HA HA HA TONGUE STUCK OUT
But it's true that I'm in trouble!♥
UM.. AH— RAISE YOUR HEAD..
Y. .YES, PLEASE..

HEY, WHAT EXACTLY AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS MAKE FOOD FOR SOME FAMISHED GUYS.
For 4 or 5 guys.. I think it's 4 this time
KEEP IN MIND THAT WATARU WILL EAT MUCH MORE THAN USUAL, SO YOU HAVE TO PREPARE A LOT.
They'll pay for the ingredients.
WHEN HE'S DEALING WITH DRUMS, HE'S INSANELY STRICT, SO IF YOU SERVE BAD FOOD, HE'LL START GOING NUTS.
SURE, THAT'S "ALL I NEED TO DO"!!
WELL, GOOD LUCK.
IRINAKA-KUN.
LOOKED AT THE MUSIC SCORE, WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE EXTREMELY HARD TO PLAY,
SO HE HAS TO CONCENTRATE ON THAT,
AND HAS NO TIME TO LOOK OVER MY COOKING!
UH-OH.
UNTIL NOW, IRINAKA-KUN ALWAYS GAVE ME EXAMPLES
EVEN IF I HAD DONE SOMETHING WRONG, HE'D ADVISE ME SO I'D BE ABLE TO DO IT.
BUT IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY WHEN I HAVE TO DO IT "ALL ALONE"!!
Plus it's even worse because I have to make plenty..

WELL... SINCE THEY PRACTICE ONLY TWICE A WEEK,
I STILL HAVE TIME BEFORE THEIR FIRST PRACTICE...
UNTIL THAT TIME...
I HAD BETTER TRAIN...!!
Reo, what is this?! Who's going to eat all those fried chickens?
Err... in order to cook things faster, put a wooden top to cover it.
But when is that?
SO... TODAY'S YOUR FIRST DAY, HUH?
WHAT IS THAT FOR, HANA-SENPAI?
IF THERE'S A FIRE, I'LL PUT IT OUT QUICKLY.
I WON'T CAUSE A FIRE!!

HEY, HEY, IT'S ALMOST TIME TO TAKE THE FOOD TO THEM!
ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE IT IN TIME?
c r a c k
THEN WHY DON'T YOU HELP, HANA-SENPAI?!
Besides, why are you here anyway?
I DON'T WANT OIL ON MY CLOTHES, SO I REFUSE.
THE WAY YOU PACKED IT LOOKS NASTY...
If Wataru sees this, he'll throw it away
.....
It's finished!
I'm going now!!
BYE!

OKAY...
NANOSU
Crack.
HELLO——!
WHAM!
IT'S THE BEGINNING THAT'S IMPORTANT!
I HAVE TO OVERPOWER THEM WITH MY ENERGY AND MAKE THEM FORGET ABOUT THE TASTE!
AH, REO-CHAN! SORRY, SORRY, IT FLEW!
I think I got a little too absorbed into the music.
RATTLE
RATTLE

GOBBLE GOBBLE
We'll continue after break.
Phew I can finally get away
LET'S TAKE A BREAK!
OOH! WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IT! THANKS!
HAHA .. UH..UM.. I BROUGHT FOOD...
WELL, I'LL JUST RUN BEFORE THEY SAY ANYTHING
I'LL BE LEAVING NOW!
OH, REO-CHAN!
HERE'S SOME TEA.
GOBBLE
GOBBLE
WATARU-SENPAI IS NOT GOING CRAZY. SO THAT MUST MEAN IT'S NOT TOO BAD
CRAP, I COULDN'T PULL IT OFF
First blood pressure are you old men already?
Yeah, it is
I think it's good
Thank you very much for your kindness.
AND IT'S TOO SALTY! ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL US WITH HIGH BLOOD-PRESSURE?!
EEK
It lacks vitamin a and fiber!
NEXT TIME, CAN YOU MAKE A BIGGER VARIETY?

I KNOW .
Day 2
There's too little salt this time.
It looks color
Day 3
IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY WITH THESE GUYS INVOLVED..
ドアッ
Infirmary
SFX <SLIDE>
Fuu..
I WONDER WHEN I'LL GET THEIR APPROVAL
OH!
YO!
HUH? THE TEACHER IS NOT HERE?
I came to hand in some form
YEAH, I CAME TO GET SOME BANDAGES, BUT SHE'S GONE.

MAN~~~! I NEED SLEEP... HELP ME...
WATARU'S BEEN STAYING OVER AT MY HOUSE TO TRAIN ME.
WHOA...
HMM... I ONLY HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT TWICE A WEEK,
BUT IRINAKA-KUN HAS TO FACE IT EVERYDAY
Hey...
YOUR FACE IS GETTING SCARIER BY THE DAY...
WOW, THAT MUST HURT
WANT ME TO HELP?
AH, YEAH, PLEASE.
CLICK
WATARU SAID MY FINGERS WILL HARDEN GRADU-ALLY...
I SEE...
I'LL QUIT BEFORE THAT...
HAHA HA...

PRACTICE MUST BE TOUGH.
YEAH.
EVEN THOUGH I GOT THEM TO MAKE IT A LITTLE EASIER,
IT'S STILL ...
I'M SORRY I CAN'T HELP YOU OUT.
NO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
...HAH?
BUT I REALIZED...
HOW HARD IT IS WITHOUT YOU, IRINAKA-KUN.
YOU HAD ALWAYS HELPED ME OUT BEFORE,
SO I HAD NEVER DONE IT "ALL BY MYSELF."
AND I FINALLY REALIZED HOW MUCH YOU HAD BEEN HELPING ME.
ZZZ
GEEZ, WAS I TALKING TO MYSELF?!

I GUESS..
I SHOULDN'T COMPLAIN TOO MUCH EITHER
YO, WHERE ARE YOU?!!
SHOCKED!!
HE MUST BE SO TIRED..

AH, REO-CHAN! HAVE YOU SEEN YO?!
NO, I HAVEN'T
REALLY? OKAY, THANKS!
If you see him tell me!
GEEZ! CAN'T HE LEAVE ME ALONE AT LEAST AT SCHOOL? SEE YA!
Huh? I was asleep?
WHERE DID THE VOICE COME FROM?!
OUT-SIDE, I THINK.
THINGS CONTINUED...
Hoorray
Mm! This beef and vegetable roll is good
WITHOUT ANY BIG PROBLEMS.
He can play the whole thing now.
303
ALTHOUGH IT WAS TOUGH
IT'S GETTING TO BE A PRETTY BIG DEAL.
Half a month left...
until the live perfor-mance.
...WHAT?!
The day before the live perfor-mance.

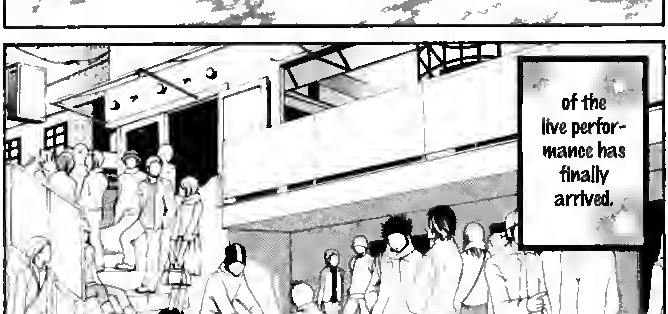
NO... THE OTHER MEMBERS ARE FINE, SO I DON'T THINK THAT'S IT.
IS IT FOOD POISON-ING?!
IRINA-KA-KUN IS SICK?!
HE HAS A FEVER DUE TO FATIGUE AND STRESS. HE'S AT THE INFIRMARY.
MAYBE WE PUSHED HIM TOO HARD...
But we had too...
ARE YOU OKAY?
OH...
Infirmary

GRAB
Ah!
SLIP!
I JUST TOOK SOME MEDICINE, SO I'LL SLEEP A LITTLE, AND THEN GO HOME.
Hey there!
OKAY..
SORRY...
It's okay
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HIS HANDS ARE HOT ..
MAN..
I FEEL WRETCHED ..
THIS IS SUCH AN IMPORTANT TIME ..

YOU BETTER LEAVE BEFORE YOU CATCH MY COLD.
AH... OKAY...
IRINA-KA-KUN..
HE'S WORKED SO PAIN-FULLY HARD
HE...
WHAT IF HE CAN'T PERFORM TOMORROW?

WOW ..! THAT WAS SOME SLEEP
What time is it?
RS?
ENERGY DRINK
Get well before your performance!
LOOKS GROSS..
What's in that thing?

AND THE DAY...


of the live performance has finally arrived.

IT'S BETTER THAT I HAVE A FEVER SO THAT I WON'T BE VERY NERVOUS.
Actually I'm more worried about the fact that I missed 2 days of practice.
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OKAY~~?
YUP! I ONLY HAVE A SLIGHT ONE NOW.
DID YOUR FEVER GO DOWN?!

THAT STUFF ...
I THINK IT WORKED.
OH, YEAH...
YO—! LET'S START REHEARSING!
OKAY!
SEE YOU!
GOOD LUCK!
Good medicines taste bad for the mouth!
...REALLY?!
BUT IT TASTED SO HORRIBLE!

WOW!
IRINAKA-KUN'S PLAYING JUST FINE!
YEAH, BUT THIS IS THE MOST HE CAN DO.
Though you can't tell that just by looking.
HE WORKED SO HARD!
AND WATARU-SENPAI LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING SO MUCH FUN!

NO.. NO! I CAN SEE BETTER FROM HERE!
REALLY?
It's totally fine!
Reo-chan, you're pretty wild!!
I thought here would be less dangerous.
MAYBE WE SHOULD'VE WATCHED FROM DOWN-STAIRS
I WANT TO DO THAT TOO!
WOW! HE DID A DIVE!
HUH?
WELL, THAT WAS BECAUSE OF OUR HELP.
SENPAI'S BAND MUST BE REALLY POPULAR
BUT IT'S AMAZING THAT SO MANY PEOPLE CAME TO LISTEN!
THE TWO OF US GAVE OUT TICKETS IN THE STREETS.
Well it's not like
we're going to be in it or anything, but...

AND...
OF COURSE
SO YOU WERE DOING SOMETHING AFTER ALL.
I SEE.
I WAS ALSO COACHING YOU BECAUSE SOME WORRY-WART ASKED ME TO.
"I'M WORRIED ABOUT HER DOING ALL OF THIS ALONE."
THEN— YOU WERE ALWAYS WITH ME BECAUSE—.
WHAT...?

Soichiro Seiryo

Because he's a really easy-going character I thought I'd put a really easy-going sounding name. That's how I came up with this name (laugh). Sometimes people tell me "That's a really wonderful name." And I'm happy about that (laugh).

My image of him is someone that would wear Paul Smith clothes. Well I actually don't know the brand well, but just the image.

He lives in an enormous Japanese-style mansion, and has a little brother.

"KEEP AN EYE ON HER FOR ME."
AND,
UNFORTU-NATELY, I WAS FREE ALMOST ALL THE TIME,
SO I WAS GIVEN THE JOB.
TH... THANK YOU VERY MUCH ..

TELL THAT TO HIM.
..YES...
I HAD TO DO IT BY MYSELF.
He—y
I WAS PROTECTED BY KIND PEOPLE.
BUT...

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NADESHIKO CLUB

Chapter 4

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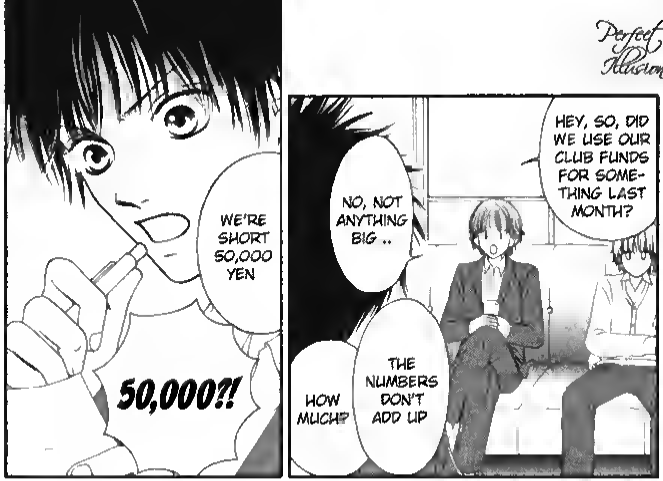
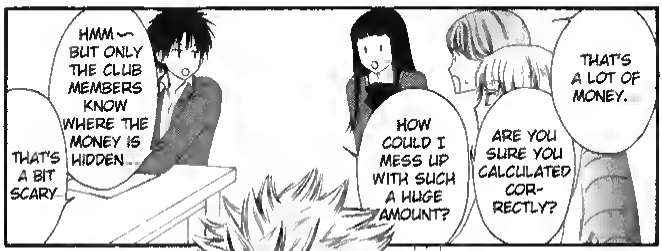
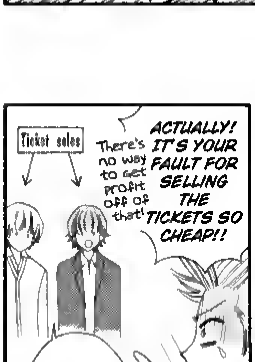
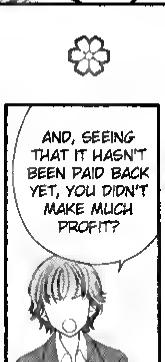

WE'RE SHORT 50,000 YEN
50,000?!
HEY, SO, DID WE USE OUR CLUB FUNDS FOR SOMETHING LAST MONTH?
NO, NOT ANYTHING BIG ..
HOW MUCH?
THE NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP


HMM~ BUT ONLY THE CLUB MEMBERS KNOW WHERE THE MONEY IS HIDDEN...
THAT'S A BIT SCARY...
HOW COULD I MESS UP WITH SUCH A HUGE AMOUNT?
ARE YOU SURE YOU CALCULATED CORRECTLY?
THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY.

Good morning!!
※ It's after school already.
OH, W...TARU!!
WHY'S EVERYONE LOOKING SO SERIOUS ...
LET'S SEARCH FIRST.
MAYBE WE KEEP IT SOMEWHERE ELSE...

WHOA! SORRY! SORRY!! I'm SO — SORRY!!!
So, it was YOU!!!
DO YOU KNOW WHERE OUR CLUB FUNDS...
ARE...?
BACK

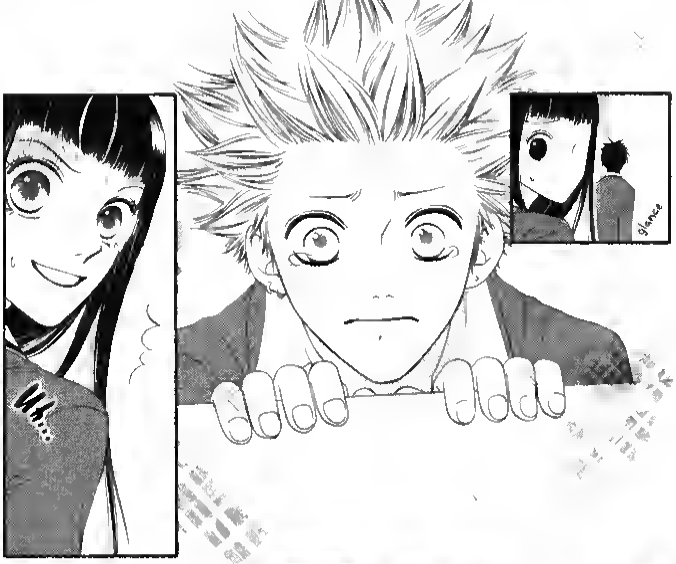

Ticket sales
There's no way to get profit off of that!
ACTUALLY! IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR SELLING THE TICKETS SO CHEAP!!
OH! BUT WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF MORE PEOPLE CAME.
PISSED


AND, SEEING THAT IT HASN'T BEEN PAID BACK YET, YOU DIDN'T MAKE MUCH PROFIT?
UGH...

WELL, OKAY.. OUR LIVE PERFORMANCE WAS A BIT SHORT ON MONEY
AND—, I WAS PLANNING ON PAYING IT BACK AFTER OUR PERFORMANCE WITH ITS PROFIT

THE POINT IS, YOU TOOK THE MONEY WITHOUT ASKING. YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS, RIGHT?!
BUT IT WAS AN EMERGENCY!
NO "BUTS!"
I'M SORRY! IT'LL TAKE TIME, BUT I'LL PAY THE MONEY BACK LITTLE BY LITTLE, SO...
That's why I'm helping out at my family store.
Dry Cleaners
Tyiken
IT'LL TAKE TIME...?
YO, HOW MUCH DO WE HAVE RIGHT NOW?
HUH? UM... 3,280 YEN.
I'M GOING TO SEW FOR NEXT MONTH'S CONTEST,
SO I WAS SUPPOSED TO GET MONEY FROM THE FUNDS...
I...
PASSED THE FIRST ROUND AND THE REAL STUFF WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN,
OH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
BUT WE ONLY HAVE 3,280 YEN? AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME TO REPAY?

ERR ~~~ BUT I CAN'T PAY RIGHT NOW...
WITHIN THIS MONTH, THEN.
LISTEN, IF YOU CAN'T PAY IT BACK WITHIN THIS MONTH, CONSIDER YOURSELF DEAD
Scary
GIVE ME A BREAK. GIVE IT BACK RIGHT NOW.
AH, THIS IS BAD. HE GETS OUT OF CONTROL WHEN HE'S ANGRY.
REO, YOU LEAVE HIM ALONE, TOO.
O.. OKAY...
WHAT~~~?! YOU GUYS ARE SO COLD~~~!!
YEAH. Well I'm going to the student council now.
NO. THIS IS NORMAL
Well I'm going home.
B-BUT... I CAN'T DO IT ALONE LIKE THAT. I KNOW! IF WE ALL CHIP IN...
IT'S YOUR FAULT, SO YOU TAKE CARE OF IT ON YOUR OWN.


glance
Uh...

Uh... um... err... If there's anything I can do to help...
REALLY?!
Ack! He got her!
Pup puppy's eyes

BREAK
I love Reo-chan!!!
!!!
HYA!
ARE'N'T YOU ASHAMED GETTING HELP FROM A GIRL?!
THEN, WILL YOU HELP, YO?
Heh,
WHY SHOULD I?
WELL... THEN REO-CHAN! ♥
AH, YO~~~?
Ah, hey!
IF YOU DON'T KEEP AN EYE ON ME...
YOU'D NEVER KNOW WHAT I MIGHT DO TO REO-CHAN.
There's a lot of "business" out there.
LET ME HELP, WATARU
SCORE!

Kei-chan, a non-cholant 3rd year university student
Thanks for the comment!
KEI-CHAN, ONE OF THE BAND MEMBERS, IS GOING TO INDIA FOR A MONTH,
SO HE SAID HE'D LET ME SUB FOR HIM!
FOR SOME REASON, WE ENDED UP HAVING TO HELP WATARU-SENPAI MAKE SOME MONEY.
AND SO...
YO WILL DO THE COOKING, AND REO-CHAN WILL DO THE DISHES AND WAIT-RESSING
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
ME? I WON'T WORK
I... I MEAN, I HAVE TO HELP OUT AT MY FAMILY STORE!!
PLUS,
A MAN'S GOTTA DREAM ABOUT MAKING HIS FORTUNE! ♥
HUH?
NO... NOTHING. WELL, GOOD LUCK YOU TWO!

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ISN'T THIS A BIT EXCITING?
BUT,
AFTER STEPPING INTO THE ENTRANCE
COME TO THINK OF IT, THIS IS MY FIRST TIME DOING PART-TIME JOB.
OH, ME TOO.
WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT EXCITEMENT
WE'RE TOO BUSY TO TEACH YOU ANY-THING MUCH,
SO JUST WATCH AND LEARN FOR NOW.
Huh...?!
That's it? But this is our first time.
HERE! TABLE #5, TAN-TAN NOODLE READY!
WAHM!

I'm gonna work after this, you know!
GEEZ, WATCH IT, LADY!
I-I-I'M SORRY! I'M NEW HERE!
THUD!
SPLASH
HERE'S YOUR...
Ah!
WHOA!
AT THE VERY CORNER BY THE WINDOW!
WHERE'S TABLE #5?!
WHAT?! ALREADY?!
CHA-SHU NOODLE WITH GYOZA! WANT TO TRY IT, NEWBIE?
DISHWASHING
KYA
CRASH!
I'm sorry!
Over here!
Huh?
I didn't order this
WAITRESSING
REALLY?
Thank you
I CAN ASK YOU TO DO ANYTHING! THIS IS GRE_T.
SWISH
OOH! YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD!
WELL, I'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN

KIMOTO-SAN, YOU'LL IMPROVE!
ha ha ha!
Ha ha ha

IRINAKA-KUN, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
huff
huff
Finally
We're done

OKAY, NICE WORK! YOU CAN GO HOME NOW!

I'M SO ~~~ JEALOUS!

What's not fair ?
That's not fair~~~~~! Only you got praised!!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED IF MY TALENTS JUST SEEM TO FLOW OUT ..

IT'S SO NICE TO HAVE AN OUT-STANDING TALENT~
I'M JUST SO-SO AT EVERY-THING I DO ~
YOU'RE AT THE LEARNING STAGE OF EVERYTHING RIGHT NOW, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE SOME-THING OUT-STANDING.
I GUESS
Keep trying

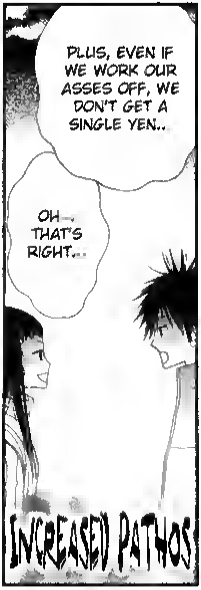
SCHOOL

WORK

WALKED TO THE STATION EXHAUSTED WITH IRINAKA KUN

THE DAYS WENT BY LIKE THAT...

AND SO,



Wow the china dress is cute! ♥
AWW—. COME ON! I WAS JUST MAKING A BAD JOKE.
Wataru-senpai...!
WE CAME TO SEE YOU TWO PAYING OFF THE DEBT ♥
HEY!
HUH? SENPAI! WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING HERE. .?
WELCOME!
THOSE GUYS PISS ME OFF ....
HMM. . THEN I GUESS IT'S ALMOST TIME. .
HUH?
NOTHING! UM - I'LL HAVE THE SHOYU RAMEN AND .-
HAVE YOU GOTTEN USED TO IT?
YES, QUITE

HERE ARE YOUR ORDERS!
WHY DON'T I STUFF LOTS OF PEPPER AT THE BOTTOM.....
HE'S LOST IT...
THEY'RE MAKING US WORK, WHILE THEY'RE HAPPILY EATING AWAY...
I'm busy.
Do you really think I'd work?

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WELL, THAT'S JUST STANDARD.
?
HMM I'M IMPRESSED
HEY, REO-CHAN, DO YOU WALK TO THE STATION WITH YO ON THE WAY HOME?
YES.
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING GOOD

WHAT...?
ACTU-
ALLY ,
YO'S
HOUSE
IS AT THE
OPPOSITE
DIRECTION.
THEN ..
EVERY-
DAY...
Nice
work!
Good
bye!

OKAY.. LET'S GO HOME NOW...
Ah~! Finally tomorrow is a holiday ~!
IRINAKA-KUN,
YOUR HOUSE IS ACTUALLY AT THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, RIGHT?
THEY TOLD YOU?!
Yes.
MAN... THOSE GUYS DON'T DO SHIT..
UH... UM... I CAN WALK HOME ALONE...
IT'S QUITE FAR TO THE STATION AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO WALK THE DISTANCE TWICE ..
STUPID! IT'S DANGEROUS TO WALK ALONE ON THESE STREETS.
BUT..
IF YOU'RE IN THE NEWSPAPER THE NEXT MORNING, I'LL FEEL REALLY BAD.

IT'S OKAY!
IT'S A RARE THING TO BE TREATED SO NICELY WHEN YOU'RE IN THIS CLUB, YOU KNOW! SO JUST BE OBEDIENT AND ACCEPT THE OFFER!
Y...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
I DIDN'T QUITE WANT HER TO AGREE TO THAT
I mean, weren't we pretty nice to her last time?
WELL, I'LL GLADLY TAKE YOUR OFFER.
THANK YOU!

HONESTLY, IT'S FUN TALKING AND WALKING HOME WITH YOU LIKE THIS.
IT HALVED MY FATIGUE, TOO.
YEAH, ME TOO...
AND EVEN MORE SO, WHEN YOU SAY IT WITH SUCH AN EXPRESSION...
WELL, WE ONLY HAVE A BIT MORE TO GO!
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S ALMOST OVER.
ISN'T IT ACTUALLY FUN ONCE YOU GET USED TO IT?
YEAH... I WONDER HOW MUCH WE'VE MADE SO FAR
HMM... I BET IT'S A LOT IF WE PUT IT TOGETHER WITH WATARU-SENPAI'S MONEY

BECAME CLEAR A FEW DAYS LATER
YET THAT MEANING...
REMEMBER WATARU-SENPAI SAID SOMETHING ABOUT... MAKING A FORTUNE... DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE MEANT?
NOT A CLUE... THAT GUY DOESN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE...
I WOULD...
LIKE TO TRY THIS CHAL-LENGE.
JUMBO GYOZA
If you finish it in 30 minutes,
The prize is...
¥20,000
600
780

THIS WAS WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT?
GUESS SO..
Err. Wa.. Watarur- senpai-?!
OOH! IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE ANYONE TRIED IT! YOU'RE NOT THAT BIG, ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT?
Small gyoza are stuffed inside!
For size comparison
UH.. .. I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT JUMBO GYOZA, BUT IT MUST BE PRETTY BIG..
munch munch
WELL, HE DOES EAT LIKE A HORSE—. SO MAYBE HE CAN DO IT— WELL... MAYBE ...
G.. GOOD LUCK, SENPAI ..

REO-CHAN,
CAN I ASK YOU A FAVOR?
HUH?
CAN YOU...
MAKE IT LOOK LIKE YOU'VE STARTED THE STOP WATCH, BUT ACTUALLY START IT 5 MINUTES LATE?
B...B... BUT..... WHAT IF THEY FIND OUT?!
DON'T WORRY, DON'T WORRY. THEY WON'T NOTICE A 5-MINUTE DIFFERENCE!
WELL, I'M COUNTING ON YOU ♥
.....
....LET'S BEGIN!

GOBBLE
GO!
THE TIME LIMIT IS 30 MINUTES. READY...
SET...
SHOCKED
WHOA!
GO!
PERHAPS... THIS IS WHAT HE MADE US WORK HERE FOR...?
5 min.
CLICK

THIS GUY'S PRETTY FAST!
Wow!
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HE CAN ACTUALLY MAKE IT, RIGHT?!
Wah

3
IT'S ACTU-ALLY BEEN 30 MINUTES ALREADY!
IT'S... STILL 5 MORE MINUTES!
THE TIME?!
2...
1
GULP

TIME'S UP!
WHAM!
OOOH!! WOW!!
HE'S GREAT!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE THE LAST SUCCESSFUL CHALLENGER!
AWW~~~! SHUCKS! HERE, TAKE IT, YOU RASCAL!!
Yay!!

Hozomu Hanabishi

I wanted to give him a girly name

My hobby is to look at people's eyelashes (this's so weird isn't it?!)... And when I was thinking of characters, I was crazy about blonde haired people, so I really wanted to draw someone with blonde hair and long eyelashes!! And this is how I realized my desire (laugh)

He gets old easily, but doesn't do anything about it

YOU CAN COME HELP OUT ANYTIME!

HA HA HA...

AND SO...

PAYCHECK

WELL, THANK YOU BOTH FOR THE HARD WORK!

SOMEHOW WE SURVIVED THAT PART-TIME JOB...

10

1000

YO AND REO-CHAN'S SALARY OF 38,000 YEN EACH, MAKES A TOTAL OF 76,000 YEN.

MAKES A TOTAL OF 111,000 YEN~~~~~!!
WOW—!!
IT'S MORE THAN TWICE AS MUCH AS WE HAD BEFORE!
PLUS MY SALARY OF 15,000 YEN,
PLUS THE PRIZE MONEY OF 20,000 YEN,
HANABISHI-SAMA~~~ HERE'S THE MONEY FOR YOUR SUP-PLIES.
OKAY. DON'T EVER DO THIS AGAIN
WE SUC-CESSFULLY CALMED HANA-SENPAI'S ANGER
YES!!
HEY, WHY DON'T WE BUY A GREEN TEA MUG FOR REO-CHAN WITH THE REST OF THE MONEY?
yay!♥
I WANT A GOOD BRAND NEW MIXER!
HA HA..! GO AHEAD AND BY WHAT-EVER YOU WANT!!
BUT, WOW! YOU'RE AMAZING, WATARU-SENPAI!!

HUH?
I ASKED YO TO MAKE LESS STUFFING FOR THE GYOZA.
OH, THAT! BUT IT WAS A SMALLER SERVING, TOO!
I MEAN, EVEN WITH ONLY AN EXTRA OF 5 MINUTES, YOU WERE ABLE TO FINISH OFF THAT HUGE GYOZA!
WELL, THAT ISN'T SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE UNLESS YOU'RE A GOOD COOK!
I MEAN, I'VE BEEN EYEING THAT PRIZE FOR A VERY LONG TIME,
AND I KNEW I COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT A TRICK OR TWO.
...IS THAT TRUE...?
YEAH HE CALLED ME THE DAY BEFORE ASKING FOR THAT

I... REALLY DON'T THINK I CAN WALK PAST THAT RESTAURANT ANYMORE...
ME... NEITHER...
GUILT TRIP
W... WELL...
OTHER THAN THAT, WE DID WORK HARD, SO IT'S OKAY!
EXACTLY!
REO-CHAN, DO YOU WANT TO GO SHOPPING FOR YOUR GREEN TEA MUG?
YET...
EVEN THOUGH THAT'S THE KIND OF CLUB THIS IS, I...I DON'T FEEL LIKE QUITTING...
YEAH—!
BECAUSE IT'S "FUN".
I GUESS...
MAYBE I'M BECOMING LIKE THEM

A few days later...
BUT...
MY CONSCIENCE HURTS ME....
YOU TOO?
WHAT?
YOU WANT TO WORK UNPAID FOR A FEW DAYS? WHY...?
Please let us work!
UNTIL WE CAN RETURN THAT 20,000 YEN'S WORTH!!

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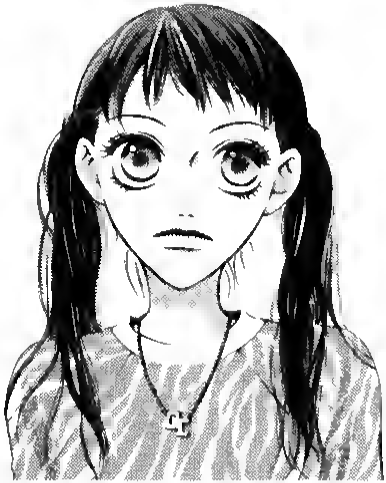

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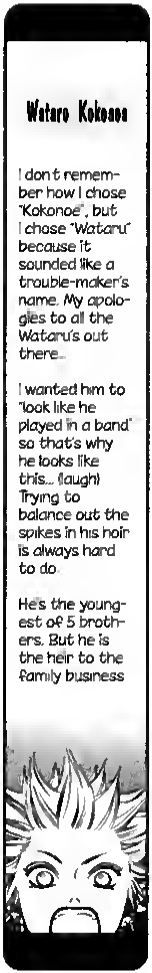
WOW, YOU'RE RIGHT!
THIS ONE LOOKS NICE TOO.
TODAY, I'M OUT WITH GO-SEMPAI.
HIGASHIMURA
WITH THE LEFT-OVER MONEY AFTER PAYING OFF WATARU-SEMPAI'S DEBT, THE CLUB IS BUYING ME A GREEN TEA BOWL.
YOUR MOTHER CAME BY THE OTHER DAY.
AH, YES, SHE CAME HOME IN HIGH SPIRITS, SAYING SHE'D FOUND A BEAUTIFUL VASE
.....
WELCOME, SEIRYO-SAMA. THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR STORE AGAIN.
OH, FUJINO-SAN, HELLO.
It's nice to be back.
WHAT MIGHT YOU BE LOOKING FOR TODAY?
I'M LOOKING FOR A GREEN TEA BOWL FOR HER... SOMETHING AROUND 10,000 YEN...
TO THINK HE GETS GREETED AS A REGULAR HERE...
It's my first time entering this kind of store...

WOW...
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL
DO YOU LIKE THAT ONE?
AH..
YEAH, THAT'S A PRETTY COLOR.
IT WAS
THE POTTER WHO MADE THIS IS QUITE POPULAR HE USUALLY WORKS WITH DARKER COLORS, SO THIS IS QUITE A RARE PIECE
DOESN'T IT LOOK A BIT UNIQUE?
THIS IS THE LAST ONE LEFT.
A WHITE BOWL WITH SLIGHT TOUCHES OF RED

THIS DOESN'T HAVE ANY SHAPES, SO IT CAN BE USED FOR ANY SEASON.
AND BECAUSE OF THE COLORS, THE GREEN COLOR OF THE TEA WILL STAND OUT.
Here, try holding it.
THEN LET'S TAKE THIS ONE.
EH?!
BUT...
AND IT'S BEST TO USE WHAT YOU LIKE MOST!
JUST KEEP IN MIND THAT THERE WILL BE MORE TRAINING FOR YOU TO MAKE UP FOR THAT EXTRA MONEY.
AHAHA..!
Tea Bowl
IT'S WAY OVER OUR BUDGET..
NO PROBLEM! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
I MEAN, REO-CHAN, YOU EARNED PART OF IT ANYWAY
NOLITA
cafe NOLITA


Wataru Kokonoe
I don't remember how I chose "Kokonoe", but I chose "Wataru" because it sounded like a trouble-maker's name. My apologies to all the Wataru's out there...
I wanted him to "look like he played in a band" so that's why he looks like this... (laugh) Trying to balance out the spikes in his hair is always hard to do.
He's the youngest of 5 brothers. But he is the heir to the family business

NO, NO, IT'S NOTHING IF IT'LL LET ME TRAIN YOU HARD!
I FEEL BAD ABOUT GETTING THAT EXPENSIVE BOWL...
WAH, THAT'S SCARY... (LAUGH)

YOU'VE ALREADY GOT THE BASICS DOWN, SO YOU SHOULD BE OKAY.
YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO OBEY THE 3 RULES OF THE HOUSEKEEPING CLUB
• WATCH YOUR MANNERS
• DO NOT LIE
• ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST
WHAT?! THERE WERE SUCH THINGS AS RULES?!

IF YOU BREAK ANY OF THEM, CONSIDER YOURSELF KICKED OUT.
YEP. WELL, IT DOESN'T APPLY TO JUST THE TEA CEREMONY, BUT ALSO TO EVERYTHING ELSE...
It should be common sense
ONLY A FEW DAYS AFTER THAT NONCHALANT TALK?
WHOA... I'M EVEN MORE SCARED NOW...

Well I should put it away now.
SEMPAI TOLD ME THAT HE'LL TAKE ME TO PRACTICE TOMORROW
Hehe... I'm looking forward to it ♥
I CAN'T WAIT TO USE THIS TEA BOWL!
She can't help but keep looking at her new purchase
E EC PREP ROOM
THE ACCI-DENT HAP-PENED
CRASH
SLICE
CLINK
Ah!

"THIS IS THE LAST ONE LEFT..."
DETS...
NO WAY——————————...
THIS IS HOPELESS... IT'LL LEAVE MARKS EVEN IF I GLUE THEM TOGETHER
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?!
I put it back on the shelf for now.
THEY WENT ALL OUT AND GET IT FOR ME...
WHAT SHOULD I SAY...?
HOME EC PREP ROOM

OH, REO-CHAN, THERE YOU ARE!
GAH
LET'S GO TO THE TEA ROOM NOW.
I'M SORRY... SOMETHING CAME UP...
UH... UHM...
AH...!
OH, REALLY? OK, THAT'S FINE.
Then let's go next time.
I JUST LIED ——••
THIS IS NOT GOOD.
"IF YOU BREAK ANY OF THEM, CONSIDER YOURSELF KICKED OUT."
I HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH.
REO-CHAN, WHEN SHOULD WE RESCHEDULE THE TEA SESSION?
I don't think I can do it this week.
AH, RIGHT
THE

TRUTH
WH. WHEN-EVER.
SLIDE
Hmm.
I'VE REALLY GOT TO TELL THE TRUTH TODAY

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
I... UM... I WAS THINKING OF TELLING YOU... EARLIER, BUT...
OH, NO!
I WAS CARELESS, AND...
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME RIGHT AWAY?
I COULDN'T...
I'M SORRY... I WAS TRYING TO THINK OF SOMETHING...
TELL THEM BEFORE THEY FOUND OUT...
REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD YOU...
THE OTHER DAY?

CRASH!
YES.
THEN WHY DID YOU LIE?
IF YOU HAD BEEN HONEST AND TOLD ME, I WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN ANGRY.
WE HAD BEEN HAVING FUN BECAUSE WE TRUSTED YOU, REO-CHAN
THIS ONE INCIDENT RUINED ALL THAT
I DON'T WANT TO GET ANGRY,
AND I DON'T WANT TO SAY THESE THINGS,
BUT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROKE THE RULES RIGHT AFTER BEING TOLD ABOUT THEM.
CHINK

OH NO...
THIS WILL BE VALID FROM NOW ON.
IF YOU LIE, YOU'RE KICKED OUT.
HE SHUT ME OUT
I'VE MADE HIM COMPLETELY ANGRY WITH ME
HMM... YOU HAVE TO DO IT ON YOUR OWN THIS TIME...
YES...
I WANT TO DEFEND YOU... BUT I CAN'T DO IT IN THIS CASE.

I HAVE TO APOL-OGIZE...
WHAT SHOULD I..?
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UM... I'M SORRY, SEMPAI, I...
However...
AFTER THAT, SE-SEMPAI...
I'VE...
DONE SOME-THING IRRE-VERSIBLE...
SORRY, I'M IN A HURRY.
DIDN'T ACT THE SAME AROUND ME ANYMORE.

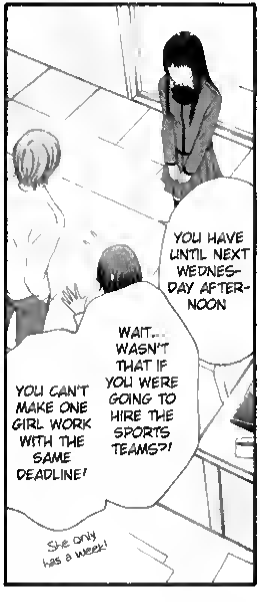
I HAVE TO DO SOME-THING... BUT
HE USED TO ALWAYS SMILE,
WHICH MADE ME EVEN SADDER...
I'M AN OUT-SIDER,
HUH...?
BAM!
STUDENT COUNCIL
SO-SEMPAI!
WHAT? WHY DID YOU COME HERE?

I CAN'T BACK OUT NOW
HOW CAN I GET YOU TO FORGIVE ME?
BUT,
AH..
UM.
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM LIKE THIS BEFORE
HE'S SCARY...
PLEASE TELL ME! PLEASE!
I... I REALLY WANT TO GO BACK! I'LL DO ANYTHING!
ANYTHING...
YOU SAID?

Okay!
THEN, I WILL HAVE YOU MOW THE 5 GROUNDS WITHIN THE SCHOOL TERRITORY
THE SCHOOL WAS PLANNING ON HIRING WORKERS, BUT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT, SO THEY CAME TO THE STUDENT COUNCIL INSTEAD.
WE WERE PLANNING ON PAYING THE SPORTS TEAMS TO DO IT, SO THIS IS PERFECT.

SHIODA, YOU HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE ABOUT THAT TASK THE TEACHERS WERE TALKING ABOUT THE OTHER DAY, HAVE YOU?
HUH? NO...

IT CAN'T BE HELPED THEY HAVE PEOPLE COMING IN ON THURSDAY, SO WE HAVE TO HAVE IT DONE BY WEDNESDAY.
BUT STILL, IT'S TOO MUCH...
The grass is dead anyway so it should be easy
IF YOU CAN'T DO IT, THAT'S FINE WE'LL JUST ASK THE SPORTS TEAMS...
I'LL DO IT!


YOU HAVE UNTIL NEXT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
WAIT... WASN'T THAT IF YOU WERE GOING TO HIRE THE SPORTS TEAMS?!
YOU CAN'T MAKE ONE GIRL WORK WITH THE SAME DEADLINE!
She only has a week!

I WILL DO IT.
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE I HAVE TO DO IT
OR ELSE I CAN'T GO BACK TO THE CLUB-
OKAY.
THEN, WHEN YOU FINISH THE TASK COMPLETELY, I'LL RECONSIDER THE WHOLE DEAL.
I'LL EXPLAIN TO YOU THE LOCATIONS...
IMMENSE...
.....
OKAY! LET'S BEGIN!
I don't know where to begin
Plus..
It's so hard! Why is it so tough!

I'D BE IN THE CLUB ROOM,
AND THE STOVE WOULD BE WARM,
AND EVERYONE WOULD BE LAUGHING
SOBS
FWOOSH
NOR-MAL?
IT'S FREEZ-ING...
THE ONE WHO RUINED ALL THAT
IS ME.

THEY FINALLY ACCEPTED ME,

AND I GOT USED TO IT AND BECAME CARELESS

IF HE DOESN'T FORGIVE ME,

I WON'T BE ABLE TO GO BACK THERE

HEY!
GASP!
WHY ARE YOU WORKING WITH YOUR BARE HANDS?!
OH.. I COULDN'T FIND GLOVES IN THE TOOL BOX...
You shocked me
HERE!
OH, TH.. THANKS..
I DON'T THINK ANYONE WILL SEE ME, SO.
DO YOU WANT ME TO HELP?
..NO, IT'S OKAY

WELL, GOOD LUCK!
..YOU'RE RIGHT.
IF I DON'T DO THIS BY MYSELF,
IT WILL BE POINT-LESS
"DON'T TELL HER."
HMM..!
IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT HER, BRING THEM TO HER YOURSELF
WELL, I SEE HIS POINT, BUT -
IT'S HARD TO JUST WATCH.
"I WANT HER TO UNDER-STAND."
.....
REO-CHAN!

Gah!
Scarf
THIS IS THE ONLY THING I CAN DO FOR YOU!!
To stranger like me?
Huh..?
O.. OKAY...
Are you sure?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE IT BACK! IT'S JUST SOMETHING SOMEONE LEFT BEHIND FOR OVER A YEAR!
BYE!
So warm
IT'S 100% WOOL
OH
TH.. THAT SOUNDS NICE.
I THINK I'LL JUST GO HOME NOW TO MY WA~RM ROOM AND EAT SOMETHING WA~RM AND WA~TCH TV AND RELAX~~~
WOW, YOU'VE GOT TO WORK ON 5 LAWNS LIKE THIS..
AND IT'S SO FREAKIN' COLD TOO I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DO IT.

POKE!
OW! HOT!
I THINK IT MAY HAVE GOTTEN LUKEWARM DURING OUR CHAT.
BYE!
I'LL DO MY BEST.
I WILL DO MY BEST, AND
SO-SEMPAI,
AND EVERYONE ELSE...
MIGHT CONSIDER ME BACK
On a Sunday too
She's at it again

Wednesday
OKAY, IT'S THE LAST DAY! I'VE GOT TO FINISH THIS TODAY!
I HOPE
There's still so much left though.
WOW..
IT'S SNOWING..
IT'S MORE LIKE SLEET..
IT'S FREEZ-ING...
IS THAT GIRL WORKING TODAY TOO? IS SHE ALRIGHT?
STUDENT COUNCIL
WHOA! IT'S SNOWING!

SLIDE!
I'm glad
Oh, it stopped snowing

I'M DONE!
WOAH!
SHE'S SOAKED!
OKAY, I'LL GO CHECK.
HE STILL WON'T...
IF HE WON'T FORGIVE ME,
WHAT...
AM I SUPPOS TO DO?
SMILE AT ME.

HOW WILL I
OKAY... THEN ..
WELL DONE!
HUH...? BUT WHY ALL OF YOU ARE ..
WE ALL GATHERED HERE THINKING THAT YOU'D BE DONE SOON!
WELL DONE! EVEN THOUGH IT'S FREEZING, YOU STILL DID YOUR BEST.

SEMPAI IS SMILING AT ME
SORRY I WAS MEAN TO YOU,
BUT I WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO BE HONEST.
THE PAIN YOU FELT WHILE WORKING ALONE.
IS THE AMOUNT OF PAIN WE FELT WHEN YOU LIED TO US.
EVERYONE
IS HERE.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?
YES...
I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY!

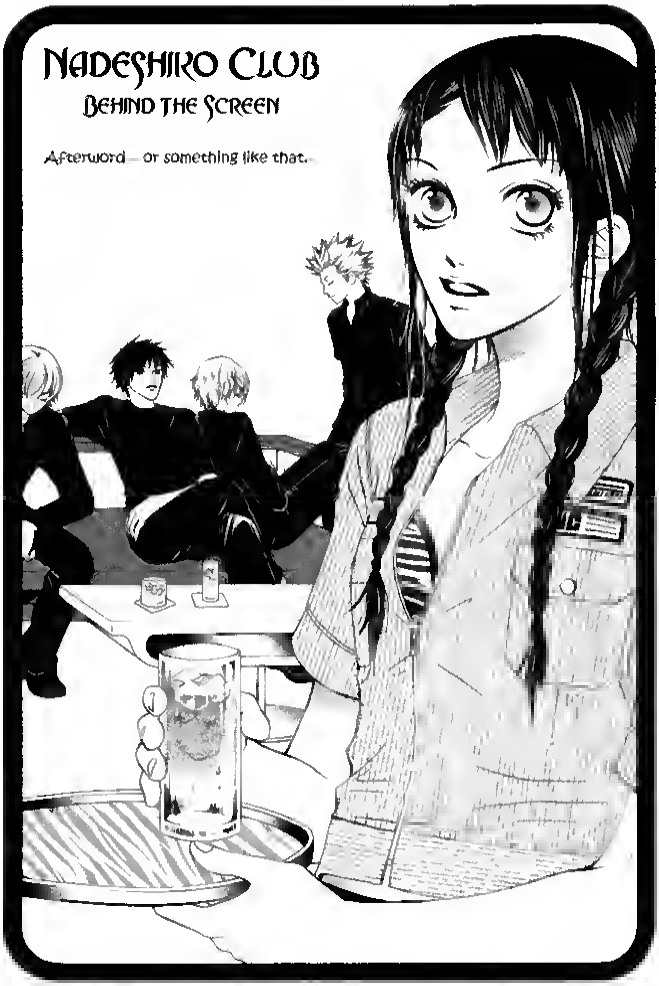
IT'S NOT FAIR TO KEEP IT A SECRET.
Heh, I told her
THE ONE WHO GAVE ME THOSE GLOVES
WAS SO-SEMPAI HIMSELF
Hey no fair!
What's not fair? I deserve this!
I HEARD FROM IRINAKA-KUN AFTER-WARDS,
I ASKED A POTTER WHO SPECIALIZES IN FIXING BROKEN BOWLS TO REPAIR IT.
Isn't it pretty?
It's great!
TH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH...!
Wow! They can do such thing?
WHAT...? THIS IS...!
AND
YES...!
WELL THEN,
LET'S START FROM THE BEGINNING AGAIN.

I CAN STILL STAY HERE
I'M SO GLAD,
AND...
THE PLACE WHERE I BELONG
IT CAME BACK...
MY FAVORITE TEA BOWL...
I TRULY AM...
GLAD...

NADESHIKO CLUB

BEHIND THE SCREEN

Afterword — or something like that.



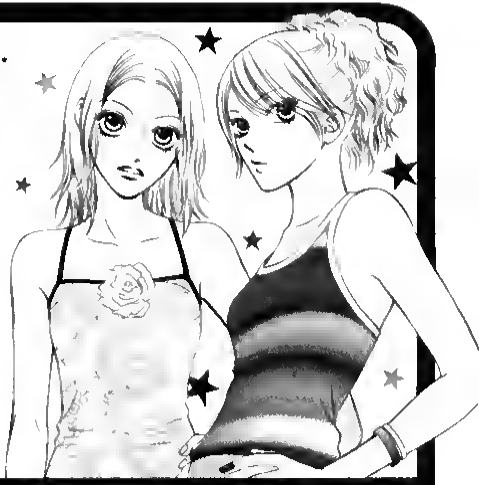
This is what I have in mind when drawing these 5 people. Though it may not look like it because of my skills...

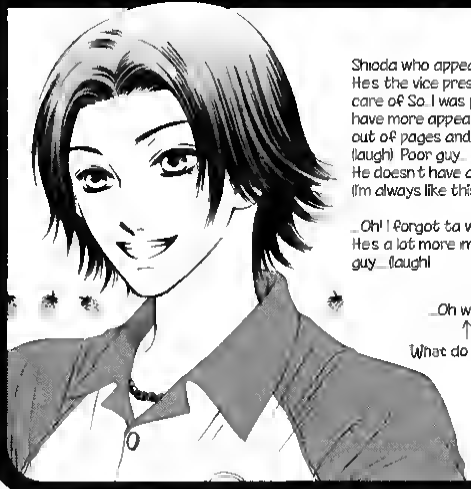
• • other Characters • •

These two are Reo's friends although they have only appeared in the first chapter so far.

However, they still don't have names. Poor girls. (laugh)
I keep thinking I should name them, but I keep procrastinating every chapter... so I await your ideas on the names! (laugh)

The girls at present





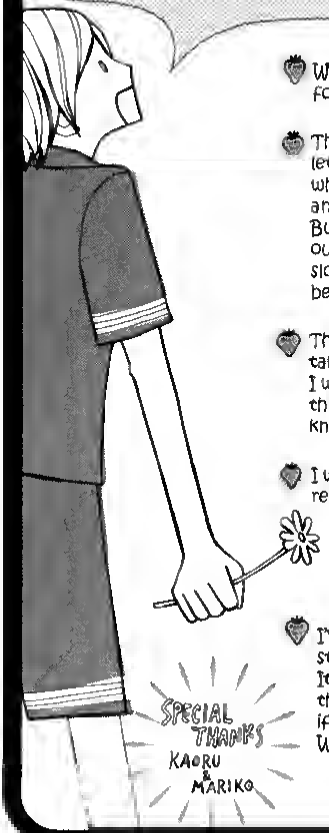
Shioda who appeared in chapter 5. He's the vice president and takes care of So. I was planning on him to have more appearances, but I ran out of pages and had to cut him out. (laugh) Poor guy.
He doesn't have a first name yet (I'm always like this!)

...Oh! I forgot to write about Hirano! He's a lot more important than this guy... (laugh)

...Oh well!

What do you think?

MANY MANY MANY THANKS!



Well, I'm on my last page. Thank you for reading this far.

Thank you everyone who sent me letters. It always drains my energy when I write letters, so I admire anyone who writes letters. ♥ Ah! But I'm not trying to excuse myself out of writing replies! (laugh) I'm slow, but I will write replies. Please bear with me for my late replies...

Thank you my manager, editor, assistants, and friends for supporting me. I will probably continue to be like this, but please don't leave me!← I know you won't like it (laugh).

I would also like to thank all my readers! Thank you very much ～!

Lastly, I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in making this volume.

I've been rather aloof thus far (and still am...laugh).
It is difficult to create my niche in this world, and I would appreciate it if you could watch and support me.
Well then, until I see you next time!

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